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TO : Mr. Ladd

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FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT: DONALD R. WILSON, CANDIDATE (1951)
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I was informed by National Vice Commander Herbert J. Jacobi of the American Legion that last week all candidates for National Commander this year got together in a conference at Indianapolis and it was decided that all candidates would withdraw in favor of Donald R. Wilson of West Virginia.

For your information Wilson has been a candidate for about three years and is a law partner at Parkersburg, West Virginia, of Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense. It looks to me that in the event no other candidates develop the Legion will be taking a slap at the present administration again this year.

For your further information there is attached a brochure on Wilson's background.

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Usually after the election of a National Commander the Records and Communications Division writes a letter to the newly elected National Commander and it is suggested this memorandum and the brochure be forwarded to that Division.

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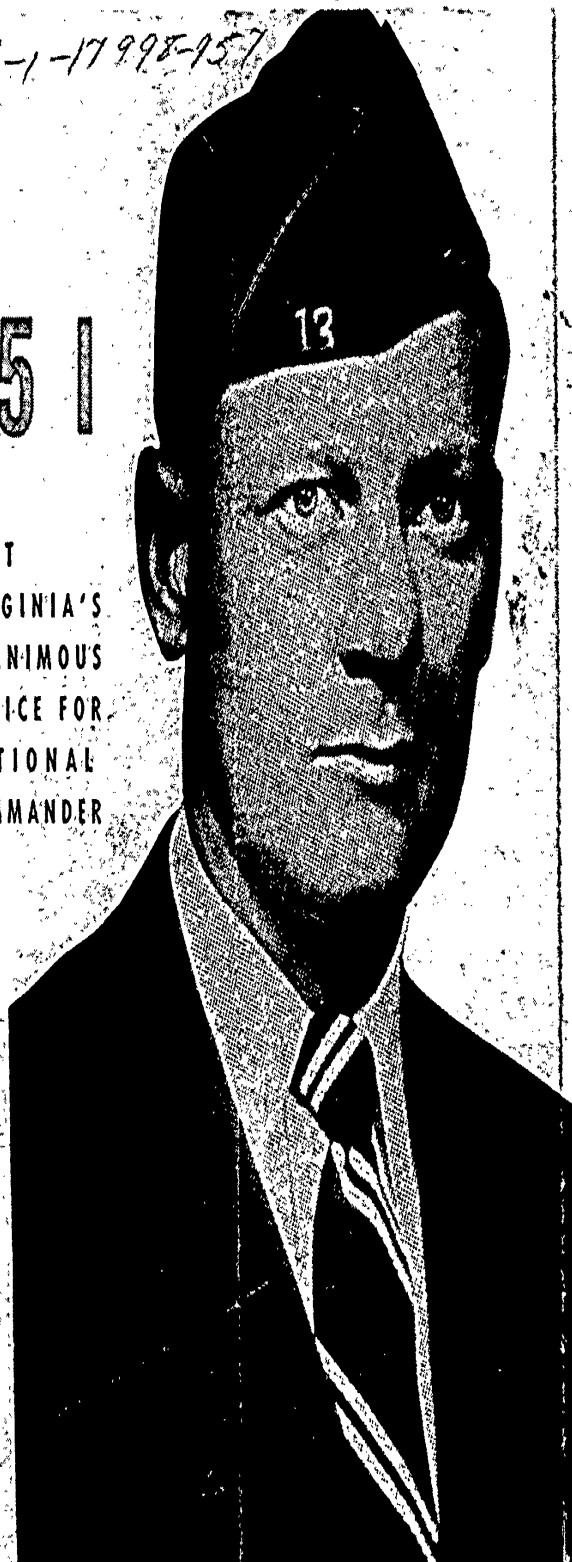
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VIRGINIA'S
UNANIMOUS
CHOICE FOR
NATIONAL
COMMANDER



'51 DONALD R. WILSON

'51 Recognized student of International Affairs

'51 Forceful, convincing speaker

'51 Able executive and administrator

'51 Experienced at local, state and national levels

'51 Active in solving individual "Rehab" problems

'51 Informed, uncompromising foe of Communism

'51 Urges "Aggressive Americanism"

'51 Demands policy of "International Realism"

'51 Leads campaign for increased Security

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**WEST VIRGINIA'S
UNANIMOUS and ENTHUSIASTIC
CHOICE FOR . . .**

NATIONAL COMMANDER . . 1951

- Born in Detroit, Michigan, May 17, 1917 — graduated Princeton University 1939 — LLB, University of Virginia 1942. Married — two children — practicing attorney in Clarksburg, W. Va. — enlisted U. S. Army 1942, Commissioned 1943, Served European Theatre, Honorably Discharged 1945.
- 1946-47 First WW II Commander Roy E. Parrish Post No. 13, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- 1947-48 Commander 3rd Dist., Dept. of W. Va.
- 1948 Vice-Chairman National Convention Foreign Relations Committee. Member National Commanders Special Americanism Committee.
- 1948-49 Commander Dept. of W. Va.
Vice Chairman Natl. Membership and Post Activities Commission. Alternate Natl. Executive Committeeman.
Selected by Natl. Comdr. to testify before U. S. Foreign Relations Committee in behalf of North Atlantic Treaty.
- 1949-50 Vice-Chairman National Legislative Commission.
- 1950-51 Chairman of Foreign Affairs Commission.

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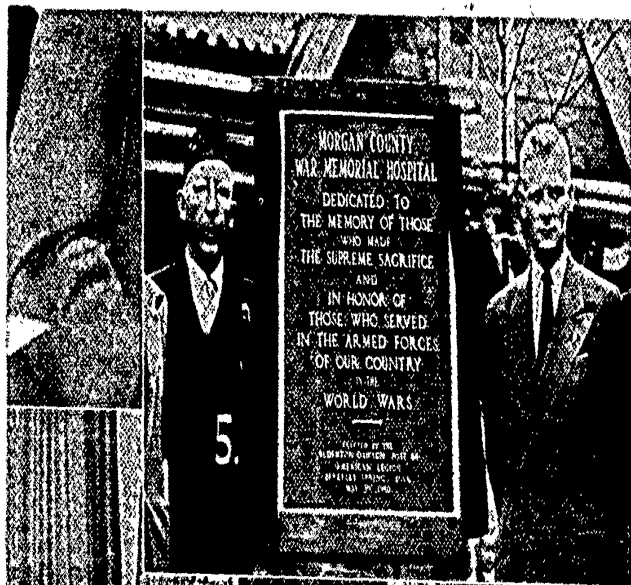


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- 1 Wilson represents American Legion at U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in Washington.
- 2 Receiving first-hand observations on global problems confronting the United States.
- 3 Plans for an extensive speaking campaign are laid at Wilson's headquarters in West Virginia.
- 4 Wilson reports to Department of West Virginia on pressing need for "Aggressive Americanism."



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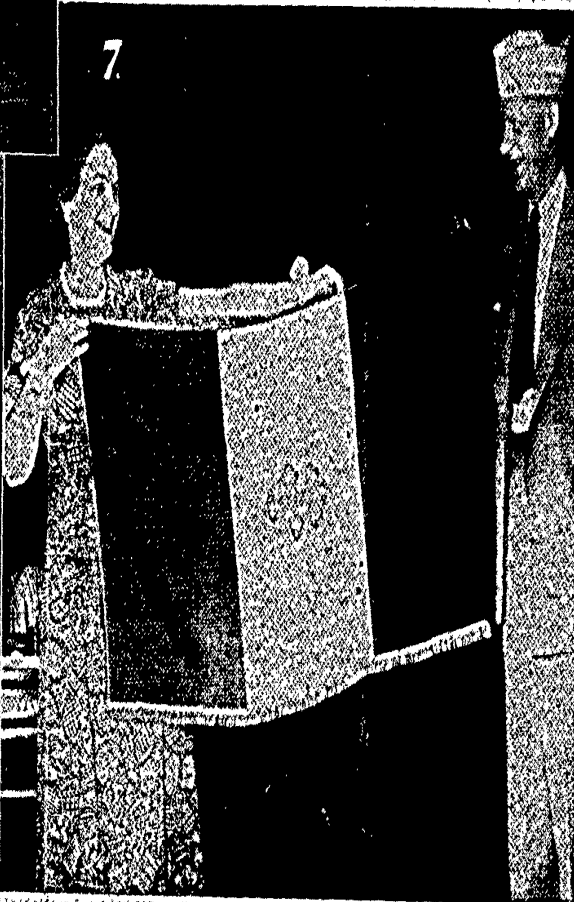
5 Wilson emphasizes "Rehab," basic Legion responsibility, at dedication of War Memorial hospital.

6 National Commander's Banquet at Indianapolis hears Wilson speak on the Legion and Foreign Affairs.

7 Wilson accepts French Resistance flag, a symbol for freedom-loving men everywhere.



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FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER '51

April 20, 1951

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Allen B. Willand
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Box 1055
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

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Dear Mr. Willand: 947

Your letter dated April 13, 1951, with enclosure, has been received and I am glad to learn of your proposed plans for American Education Week to be observed from November 11 to 17, 1951.

In accordance with your request, it is a pleasure to set out below a short statement pertaining to the subject you mentioned:

SCHOOLS AND DEFENSE

The nation's schools are integral parts of the arsenal of democracy. They are today playing a vital role in the defense effort, training the youth of America in the skills necessary to secure victory over a deadly enemy. The concepts of justice, freedom and fair play are the sinews of the American educational system. These principles have molded the character of our people. The nation's teachers by keeping the torch of learning burning ever more brightly are contributing their share to the defense effort. No responsibility could be more sacred.

I am enclosing a glossy print of my photograph which I hope will be suitable for reproduction in your brochure. I am happy to be of assistance to you in this regard and I certainly hope that the patriotic motives of your plans will be observed and acted upon by Americans throughout our land.

MAILED 3 19 00 01 17 Sincerely yours,
APR 23 1951 J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

April 13, 1951
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director FBI
Department of Justice Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a list of Topics selected by the National co-sponsors for American Education Week, Thirty-first observance, November 11-17, 1951. I am also enclosing one of our 1950 AEW brochures for your information.

We are changing the form of The American Legion Contest leaflet 1951 with the objective of making it more attractive and more readable. To that end we are asking seven outstanding Americans to write seven short, crisp paragraphs, one paragraph to each representative consisting of 100 words or less, on the Daily Topics. We humbly request you to become one of the contributors to the 1951 leaflet. *national*
EXPEDITE PROCESSING

We are also requesting that you send us a glossy print of yourself which we hope to use in the leaflet over your name along with the paragraph you submit for use in the 1951 AEW brochure.

Will you kindly respond to this request by writing and submitting a paragraph on the Sunday, November 11, Topic, "Schools and Defense". Please file this paragraph along with glossy print within the next ten days, this in order that we can get copy of brochure to printer around May 1. Should you for any reason not be in position to accept this honor, kindly advise by return mail.

Also being extended the honor of submitting paragraphs are Rabbi David Lefkowitz, National Chaplain, The American Legion; Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Mrs. John E. Hayes, President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; and Corma Mowrey, President National Education Association; and other nationally known Americans. Erle Cocke, Jr., National Commander, will of course contribute to the booklet.

Thanking you generously for making this contribution to the more than thirty million young Americans in our schools today and, expressing best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Allen B. Willand
ALLEN B. WILLAND, Director
National Americanism Commission

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ENCLOSURE

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Government Of, By, and For The People

★ People, plural of person, means you and I, and our government is an organization of our creation. It is an organization which must have our support and our criticism. We are its master and we are directly responsible for what it does, for all it does is in our behalf.

Years of hardship, experienced by centuries of our predecessors and of which we learn through our history books, plus experience of two World Wars within one generation, have proved that our system is the best yet devised. These same experiences show that the best vehicle for preparing a citizen for his active participation in our government is education, for each person to be schooled in his responsibility to his government. Each generation inherits certain freedoms, rights and privileges, duties and responsibilities, but each member of each generation must be educated so that he may best enjoy, exercise and perform in his inheritance.

Government of, by and for the people therefore is a living thing. It is part of us the same as we are a part of it and if it is to continue and improve, we must be informed so that we can teach others. We must perform well our duties and responsibilities so that others will be inspired to study and take an interested and active part in the preservation and improvement of our government, the noblest achievement of mankind.

★ Sunday, November 5 MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

Our ancestors, in their urgent desire for freedom of worship, self government, and educational opportunity, fixed these principles in the base upon which they raised the structure of government we now enjoy. They first expressed these ideals in writing in the Mayflower Compact, in 1620. Then, after more than 100 years of development through living according to their ideals, these people wrote the Bill of Rights, to add strength to the constitutional structure, and their moral and spiritual feeling was expressed in a guarantee for freedom of Religion.

Late figures show that we, as a people, continue to value their freedom. We have more than 253,765 churches in the United States, with a membership of nearly 75,000,000, which indicates an abiding desire for a moral and spiritual sustenance. We believe that everyone should enjoy this freedom of seeking satisfaction for moral and spiritual needs, for through this freedom we gain and prosper.

★ Monday, November 6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITIZEN

Government of, by and for the people places great responsibility on each one of us. Here is a list of duties attendant to that responsibility:

- Duty to obey my country's laws.
- Duty to vote, so my government may truly represent the will of the people.
- Duty to keep informed as to the honesty and ability of candidates for public office.
- Duty to correct injustice through use of my vote and influence.
- Duty to pay such taxes as have been devised by representatives elected by me, to defray the cost of government.
- Duty to serve on a jury when called.
- Duty to hold a public office for which I am suited, when the need arises, so my government may function efficiently.
- Duty to defend my country, if need should arise.
- It is my duty to abide by the will of the majority, to stand behind my government, so my nation may be unified in time of crisis.
- There are others, but these are the backbone of the freedoms we cherish and enjoy. It is imperative that each of us educate ourselves in the demands they place upon us, and that we perform them to the best of our ability at every opportunity.

★ Tuesday, November 7 MEANING OF THE BALLOT

Our free secret ballot is a potent instrument which can deteriorate only through disuse. The right to cast this ballot is written into our Constitution, and the fact that the right and the ballot exist is irrefutable evidence of man's progress. However, statistics indicate that a large segment of our citizen population either doesn't know about this, or else has become apathetic as to its future.

In 1948, only 51.2% of the potential 95,000,000 voters exercised their duty to vote—as compared with the year 1896 when 83% of the potential voters cast their ballots. In 1916, 71.5% of the eligibles voted; in 1940, 59.5%; and in 1944, 56.4%. Although there were 48,680,416 votes cast in the 1948 Presidential election, the Presidential vote was actually lower than the aggregate vote of only 16 states. This indicates a lack of interest which could destroy our government.

These figures should stimulate each one of us to seek ways to overcome this lack of interest and make every citizen of 21 years of age and over an intelligent voter.

★ Wednesday, November 8 URGENT SCHOOL NEEDS

Today, we have half-day sessions in some of our schools which can only mean that there is a shortage of classrooms. It is estimated that by 1960, the total schoolhouse needs will have reached \$13,500,000,000. This astounding demand is the result of having nearly one million additional children enter school each year over that 10-year period.

In three years there will be five children in school for every four last year—in 1958 there will be seven for every five. Buildings, libraries and teaching aids will have to be provided at a rate never before experienced.

These facts, coupled with the well-known elementary teacher shortage which continues to grow more alarming each year, constitute a rapidly approaching crisis.

To correct this situation, each of us must see that the schools in his locality are meeting the demands made on them. Visit frequently the school where your child is enrolled. Check textbooks, and other instructional materials, the buildings and other facilities. Make sure your schools employ capable instructors. Report your findings to the responsible school authorities.

★ Thursday, November 9 OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Unlimited opportunity for the individual is a major ideal in the American scheme. Our system of tax supported public schools, intended to offer equal educational opportunity for all, is an integral segment of this plan. This system was first established in 1827 and figures from 1870, which are the first available, show illiteracy at 20%. By 1930, latest complete data available, illiteracy had been forced down to 4.3%. These figures indicate a change which is attributable almost entirely to our educational system.

Other factors indicative of the opportunity offered to all include many industries and business chances which have developed since 1900, and are now well established. Some of these are business machines, air conditioning, chain stores, extensive electrification, radio, television, cosmetics, soft drinks, refrigeration, motion pictures, and gasoline and oil. These and many others are the result of better education. Education is the key to individual and group success. Our nation's growth and development depends on "educational opportunity for all".

★ Friday, November 10 HOME-SCHOOL-COMMUNITY TEAMWORK

Education begins in the home. There we learn the fundamentals of living and working together with people. Then we put these fundamentals to work in school where experience and education teach us of the past, the present, and what we as individuals and groups can do to improve life. During this time the community in which we live is making contributions to our living, and manifests itself as a cooperative member of the home, school and community team. Through the work of this team we are prepared to take our place in handling our own affairs and assisting our fellowmen.

Experience has taught us that any given goal is more easily accomplished through the teamwork of cooperative agencies than it is through individual effort. Moreover, it is clear that some problems, such as those faced in education today, are impossible of solution unless home, school and community functions efficiently. Past action by these agencies has raised the number of schools from one for every 75,000 persons in 1870 to 17 for every 75,000 in 1940. Future development depends upon how well these agencies function in meeting current demands.

★ Saturday, November 11 FREEDOM'S HERITAGE

Daniel Webster expressed very adequately how a person can be made to realize just what his heritage of freedom means to him and to future generations, in the following words:

"Other misfortunes may be borne, or their effects overcome. If disastrous wars should sweep our commerce from the ocean, another generation may renew it; if it exhaust our treasury, future industry may replenish it; if it desolate and lay waste our fields, still, under a new cultivation, they will grow green again, and ripen to future harvest. . . .

"But who shall reconstruct the fabric of demolished government?"

"Who shall rear again the well-proportioned columns of constitutional liberty?"

"Who shall frame together the skillful architecture which unites national sovereignty with State rights, individual security, and Public prosperity?"

"No, if these columns fall, they will be raised not again. Like the Coliseum and the Parthenon, they will be destined to a mournful and a melancholy immortality. Bitter tears, however, will flow over them than were ever shed over the monuments of Roman or Grecian art; for they will be the monuments of a more glorious edifice than Greece or Rome ever saw, the edifice of constitutional American liberty."

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK TOPICS

General Theme:

GOVERNMENT OF, BY, AND
FOR THE PEOPLE

Daily Topics:

- ★ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Moral and Spiritual Values
- ★ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Responsibilities of the Citizen
- ★ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Meaning of the Ballot
- ★ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Urgent School Needs
- ★ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Opportunity for All
- ★ FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Home-School-Community Teamwork
- ★ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
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Duties

OF POST AMERICANISM AND POST EDUCATION CHAIRMEN

- ★ Contact local P.T.A. presidents, school officials, teachers and other groups interested in American Education Week, November 5-11.
- ★ Secure proclamation by mayor on observance of American Education Week.
- ★ Work out a cooperative program with local churches, service clubs and social organizations.
- ★ Arrange for outstanding Armistice Day program.
- ★ Arrange for school visitations by Legion and Auxiliary members.
- ★ Arrange with local theaters for showing of two-minute trailer available from National Education Association.
- ★ Arrange radio programs and advertise time schedule of broadcasts.
- ★ Arrange with local papers and business firms to carry newsworthy features and releases.
- ★ Arrange for banquets, dinners and rallies.
- ★ Promote attendance of "Open-House" and other scheduled "School Observance" events.
- ★ Distribute Americanism literature.

*The National Education Association,
1201 - 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.,
distributes pamphlets, programs, posters, stickers, etc.,
on American Education Week. A packet,
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PACKET,
is available at a nominal cost.*



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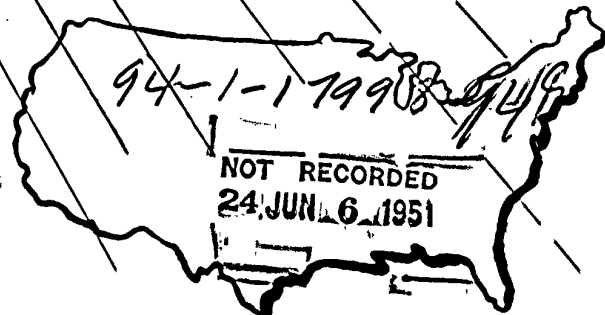
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to Subversive Organizations and Publications" by the House Committee on Un-American Activities issued in March can be secured for 35¢. "Soviet Atomic Espionage" put out by the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy sells at fifty cents. Every American should read the latter. Every Legion Post should own a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

The New York World-Telegram-Sun now runs a regular department in each Saturday's issue by Fred Woltman, entitled, "WHAT THE REDS ARE UP TO." It is in effect a small scale summary or digest of subversive activities, particularly around New York City. Other newspapers which claim to render a public service in the dissemination of news and information might do well to emulate this progressive Scripps-Howard paper and set aside a regular column edited by some competent and trained expert in subversive activities. Lack of timely and accurate information on what Stalin's Fifth Column in the United States is doing is generally conceded by authorities to be the main reason for its success and for American apathy and confusion on the whole issue of communism. Give Americans the facts and they will find the cures and answers themselves.

IMPORTANT NOTE. The NATIONAL BLUE STAR MOTHERS of Philadelphia (formerly known as the CRUSADING MOTHERS OF PENNSYLVANIA) has been listed by the U. S. Attorney General as a subversive organization. It is a bigot group of limited membership and should not be confused with the legitimate and patriotic Blue Star Mothers of America. It has been brought to our attention that Legion Posts have been refusing their halls or facilities to the latter organization under the obvious misapprehension that they were dealing with the former. Please note the similiarity in names. The Ninth Annual Convention of the Blue Star Mothers of America, meeting last Fall in Columbus, Ohio, adopted a resolution empowering its national officers to take legal steps if necessary to restrain the Philadelphia bigot group from continuing the use of the almost identical name.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Americanism Division's files lack several issues of the Summary, particularly the July-August, 1947, and some of 1948. Will readers who have back numbers, for which they no longer have any need, help us to complete our files by mailing such back numbers to Mr. Kenneth Huggins, Americanism Division, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Washington Office of the Americanism Division of late has been receiving an increasing number of requests from government agencies, state investigative agencies and law enforcement officers for hard-to-find government reports and hearings no longer available at the Government Printing Office. In attempting to be of service to such official agencies our small stock of such publications has become almost exhausted.

During the past four years the Washington Office mailed out many thousands of copies of various House Committee on Un-American Activities reports and hearings to numerous Legionnaires on its mailing list. Some of the 1947 and 1948 hearings and reports are now exhausted and even the House Committee itself is unable to fill requests for certain of these publications.

WILL ALL SUMMARY READERS WHO HAVE OLD DIES COMMITTEE OR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES REPORTS AND HEARINGS WHICH THEY NO LONGER NEED PLEASE MAIL THEM TO THE AMERICANISM DIVISION, AMERICAN LEGION, 1608 K. STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your postage will be reimbursed and in return for your contribution you will receive current reports as they are issued.

The Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., has on sale two extremely important publications which every Legionnaire should have. "Guide

THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

Lack of space and lack of time compels the omission in this issue of the general survey of world-wide communist activity. If the Summary is continued in its present form, it is planned to make this feature a bi-monthly section instead of monthly.

Far more important than any such general digest of the global communist situation is the practically unknown arrival on the West Coast of a few copies of an obscure but extremely important Chinese communist document which is loaded with TNT. This Summary is indebted to the alertness of two dynamic Californian anti-communists, Jacoby and Gibbons of Alert, for spearing us a copy of what may soon become a collector's item. The McCarran Senate subcommittee now investigating communist infiltration of the State Department and seeking to establish who was responsible for foisting the "Chinese agrarian reformer" swindle and hoax on the American public as well as on some of our top military leaders would do well to have a good luck at "ON THE PARTY" by Liu Shao-Chi.

Who is Liu Shao-Chi? With the mysterious absence for several months of Mao Tze Tung from his haunts in Peiping, word now comes from Indonesia that Red China's No. 2 communist, heretofore practically unknown to the West, has taken over Mao's job as Stalin's gauleiter for Soviet China. Liu is a member of the powerful Secretariat of the Chinese Communist Party and a veteran communist since 1921, having joined the party the year it was founded.

The title page of "ON THE PARTY" states that the first English edition was printed by the Foreign Languages Press, Peiping, in July, 1950. The document itself was written sometime during the summer of 1945 because it contains the Constitution of the Communist Party of China adopted on June 11,

THE SPOTLIGHT

COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN STUDENTS TO DEFEND DR. DuBOIS. One of the great problems in compiling lists of communist fronts is that of keeping it up to date. Between the time that such lists are delivered to the printers, and the printed copies put into the mails a half a dozen new fronts and changes of names probably have occurred.

The Daily Worker of April 6 happily announced the launching of yet another Stalinoid front -- something called THE COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN STUDENTS TO DEFEND DR. DuBOIS which a "group of leading Negro and white students" apparently whipped up in a moment of inspiration in New Orleans. The C.S.S.D.D.D. started with a bang by circulating a student "petition campaign on every Negro college campus in the South and in several white colleges to protest against the shameful persecution of one of America's greatest men, DR. WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHART DuBOIS." The Daily Worker obligingly lists the committee's initial sponsors as:

CHARLES MOORE, Pres., Student Union, Dillard Univ., Louisiana

WILLIAM LARSHA, No. Carolina Intercollegiate Student Legislature

EDWARD PINCKNEY, Pres., Student Council, Fisk Univ., Tennessee

JAMES W. KELSAW, Talladega College, Alabama

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STEPHEN S. EDLEY, Editor Campus Echo, North Carolina College

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Page 8: "Comrade Mao Tze Tung is a creative and talented Marxist, combining as he does the universal truth of Marxism -- the highest ideology of mankind -- with concrete practice of Chinese revolution."

(What! No agrarian reform?)

Page 10: "Comrades, our Party is already a Marxist-Leninist party nationwide in scope and of a broad mass character, fully consolidated ideologically, politically and organizationally and with a leader of its own."

The General Programme of the Party begins on page 13. One looks in vain for the slightest reference to any agrarian problem or tasks of simple "agrarians". Nothing but straight, unadulterated Marxist-Leninism as any student can read for himself.

"The General Programme of the Constitution points out at its very beginning that our Party is the organized vanguard of the Chinese working class and the highest form of its class organization, that it represents the interests of the Chinese nation and people, that at the present stage it works to create a system of New Democracy in China and that its ultimate aim is the realisation of a system of Communism in China. Are there any doubts about the character of our Party? I think not."

(Ed. note -- Only in the U.S. Dept. of State which for years after the publication of this frank document still lied to the American public about "agrarian reform".)

Then on page 15 comes a real nifty -- one of the neatest examples of "honest" Marxist dialectics one could ever find. Get this:

"Although the main sections of our Party are located in the countryside and the vast majority of the Party members come from the peasantry and petty bourgeois intelligentsia, with only a small percentage of workers, yet the aggregate of Party members of proletarian and semi-proletarian (poor peasants) origin constitutes the majority."

In other words, Euclid is successfully refuted and the whole instead of being greater than any of its parts now reads, "a small part is greater than the whole and hence constitutes the majority." Next follow several pages of "proletarian programme, policy, and discipline" without a single mention of agrarian reform.

1945 and throughout the book runs the demand for the necessity of ousting the Japanese invaders who capitulated to the United States in August of that year. Its original publication date therefore is very definitely fixed for June or July, 1945.

Thereby hangs not an interesting tale, but an extremely important disclosure. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD SO-CALLED "CHINESE EXPERTS" AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AT THE THEN COMMUNIST CAPITAL, YENAN, WHO MUST HAVE SEEN AND READ THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT BECAUSE THEY BOASTED OF THEIR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE 100% COOPERATION WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVING FROM THE REDS. YET, LIU SHAO CHI'S IMPORTANT "ON THE PARTY" WAS NEVER TRANSLATED OR MADE PUBLIC BY THESE ON THE SPOT AMERICAN OBSERVERS. TO HAVE DONE SO WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY EXPOSED AND CUT THE GROUND FROM UNDER THE WHOLE FRAUDULENT "HARMLESS AND DEMOCRATIC CHINESE AGRARIAN REFORMER" LIE AND SWINDLE SO BRILLIANTLY FOSTERED AND PUSHED BY THE WHOLE LAUCHLIN CURRIE-OWEN LATTIMORE-JOHN CARTER VINCENT-JOHN PATON DAVIES-JOHN STEWART SERVICE CLIQUE. THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS WILL ALSO HAVE SOME AWKWARD QUESTIONS TO ANSWER WHEN AND IF IT IS CALLED BEFORE THE McCARRAN COMMITTEE.

A few significant quotes from "ON THE PARTY" Page 2:

"Our party owes its tremendous achievements to the fact that from the early days of its founding it has been an entirely new political party of the proletariat, dedicated whole-heartedly to serving the Chinese people and built upon the solid theoretical foundation of Marxist-Leninism in its application to China."

"It is precisely under the guidance of the great Thought of Mao Tze Tung that our Party has gathered together the most loyal, most courageous, most conscious and best disciplined representatives of the Chinese working class and labouring people, and has become the organized vanguard of the Chinese working class."

(No nonsense here about any "agrarian reformers". ed note)

Page 7: "It is a party steeled in long revolutionary wars, having mastered thoroughly the art of directing revolutionary war."

One final quote:

"Comrade Mao Tze Tung has pointed out in his political report the difference between our Party and other political parties. This is extremely important. It is unthinkable that such an exceedingly gigantic revolution of the Chinese nation embracing 475,000,000 can be lead to victory without a Marxist-Leninist Party which is exceedingly rigid in matters of principle and different from all other parties. The Chinese people are now approaching the eve of the defeat of the Japanese invaders and the building of a new China."

"ON THE PARTY" then goes on for several more pages emphasizing and reiterating that the Chinese Communist party is different from all other political parties, that it is the "vanguard of the revolutionary proletariat" and that "its ultimate aim is the realization of a system of Communism in China." (Page 157) — NOT agrarian reform, which is not even mentioned.

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WHAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS IS SAYING

Main emphasis in the daily communist press during the past month has been on "peace" and the inescapable necessity of sitting down and suing for "peace" with Stalin and Red China. Curiously enough while most Americans still believe that this country and Russia are at peace, the communists dutifully echoing the "line" as laid down in Soviet publications, openly and continuously admit that we are already at war. They advise us to sit down and "negotiate for peace with Russia and the Peoples Democracies" to quote them literally.

No Aesopian double talk here. It is America and America alone which is beating the war drums, arming the rest of the world, ruthlessly killing hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Korea, and laying the whole dastardly powder train for a horrible and devastating atomic war. Any steps, no matter how elementary and insignificant, leading to the rearmament of western Germany is a "sure road to war."

"Through Marxist-Leninist education, Party members of petty bourgeois origin have undergone a thorough-going ideological reform, which changes their former petty bourgeois nature and imparts to them the qualities of advanced fighters of the proletariat."

The ideology of the peasantry and the petty bourgeoisie is to be sternly rooted out of the Marxian proletarian party (we learn on page 21) lest it repress the development of proletarian ideas and hence lead to decline and retrogression. The Constitution then provides "that it is the duty of every Party member to endeavour to understand the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism and the Thought of Mao Tze Tung." What is the Thought (with a capital T) of Mao? The next page clears that one up in two short sentences:

"The Thought of Mao Tze Tung is the thought that unites Marxist-Leninist theories with the actual practice of the Chinese revolution. It is Communism and Marxism applied to China."

Stalinism is apparently inapplicable to China!

The rest of this remarkable 205 page official document consists of typical, stereotyped communist party "line" dogma and instructions identical with and indistinguishable from similar handbooks put out by the French, Italian, American, and other sections of Stalin's Comintern. Even in the translation from the Chinese one finds all the old familiar tell-tale cliches and phrases so dear to the hearts of all true Stalinists.

Liu Shao-Chi sternly warns against "Left deviationism", "right opportunism", "tailism", "petty bourgeois ideology and tendencies" and other bugaboos of trained, doctrinaire Stalinists. The "paramount importance of training the Communist cadres", "democratic centralism", "raising the level of consciousness", "linking up the people's daily struggles", etc., etc., all the familiar and hackneyed old commy argot can be found in this official party document put out by "simple agrarian reformers."

Democratic Floor Leader Rayburn's warning that America faces grave danger plus similiar warnings from other leading Americans including General Bradley are neatly twisted by the Marxian dialecticians into an American equivalent of Hitler's "strategy of terror" or Nazi "schrecklichkeit." As more and more millions, through peace polls, petitions, and other mass media of expression, are demanding an end to the war in Korea, our war-hungry, war-criminal leadership unleash this "schrecklichkeit" campaign to head off peace. The recent Soviet spy convictions in New York are also nothing but a part of the governments diabolic plot to stir up war hysteria through fear and incitement. In fact, the Rosenberg conviction was nothing but a sinister prelude to the imminent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the appeal of the eleven convicted C.P. leaders. "Is it an accident that this effort is being made as the Supreme Court prepares to hand down its opinion on the challenge made by the communists against this viciously Un-American Smith Act?" the Worker asks.

The Kefauver investigation did not fool the Stalinists. It was nothing but a smokescreen to mask the government's sinister pro-war moves and to divert innocent Americans from fixing their attention on what was really going on in the country. "The Costellos gamble dollars--the warmakers gamble with millions of American lives. The Costellos are peanuts compared with the Fords, General Motors, Morgans, and Rockefellers." A full column editorial demanded that the Kefauver committee investigate the biggest criminal racket of all -- the F.B.I. Quoting direct from the Daily Worker:

"The truth is that the F.B.I. political police provide an enormously valuable cover-up for the crime syndicates of America with a barrage of vicious 'anti-communist' forgeries. 'Anti-communism' is the prize alibi of crime and racketeering. It is the perfect smokescreen for anti-labor violence, Big Business labor spying, and for the biggest 'fix' of all -- the planned betrayal of the United States into a needless and ghastly atomic war against the Socialist peoples of the world."

All defense measures, increased drafting of young Americans, U.M.T., civil defense, etc., are stridently denounced in the communist press. "End the slaughter in Korea", "Don't cross the 38th parallel", "get our boys out of Korea", "No troops to Europe" are the main propaganda themes running through every issue of the Daily Worker and the West Coast Daily Peoples World. Morale disintegration material is being sharpened and stepped up in volume. The main line being that the United States now stands alone; even England and Canada edging away from the brink of disaster towards which our war-mad and bloodthirsty leaders (Wall Street) are inexorably pushing this country. The fact that the mighty and powerful United States is backing away from a show-down with a third-rate power like Red China is proof positive to the American communists that America would not even dare to get involved in armed conflict with the invincible Soviet Union. To say nothing of simultaneously taking on a dozen or so of Russia's powerful allies. Daily Worker editorial writers have trouble restraining their elation over America's deteriorating position and increasing difficulties.

The heartbreak and anguish of mothers losing 18 and 19 year old sons in faraway Korea, "where they had no business in the first place", is another favorite D.W. item. Letters from Gold Star mothers and widows criticizing our Korean policy and previously published in the legitimate press are eagerly culled by these Stalinist ghouls and used to trick out whole columns of clever morale disintegration in America's leading organ of sedition. Letters from American G. I. prisoners in the hands of Red Chinese are always good for a play in this seditious rag. P.O.W. lists are wirelessly from Peking and run in the D.W.

This also raises an interesting question for Mr. Acheson and the State Department. If the U.S. and Red China are not at war and if only Chinese "Volunteers" are fighting in Korea, should not a formal diplomatic demand be made on Peking immediately to release all Americans in Red China held in violation of the Geneva Convention?

Heads or tails the commies win. And if a Krupp or an Ilsa Koch have just been released from jail or pardoned while an American Negro goes to prison or is sentenced to death the propaganda dividends for the communists are even more juicy.

That is why sharp communist eyes carefully scan the nation's press and constantly have their ears cocked for the smallest Negro item which can be blown up into a "monstrous white chauvinist crime against the Negro race."

The communist press is equally alert and quick to spot and attack any serious psychological or political warfare attempts against Russia, even if only in the talk stage. The suggestion that the long suffering Russian people can be reached by American psychological propaganda and induced to revolt against their communist slave-drivers is derided by the Daily Worker with bitterest invective. All such "freedom for the Russian people appeals" according to the New York edition of Pravda are "nothing but rackets whereby emigre Russian counts, landlords, generals, Kerensky professors and such like have been making a living in our midst. After all they can't all marry heiresses."

The communist organ then charges that "millions of dollars have been milked" chasing such an illusion and will-o'-the-wisp that the grip of the Soviets on the Russian people can be broken by encouraging revolt from the outside.

The official organ of the American quisling party also betrayed some ill-disguised anxiety over the fact the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Constitutionality of the Maryland Ober Act. It is afraid that other states may now enact "little McCarran Acts" of their own. To quote:

"The Federal McCarran Act has spawned a number of equally monstrous offsprings."

Obviously nettled by F.B.I.'s efficiency, the Daily Worker editorial goes on to ridicule this agency for going underground with the communists when in fact all the information that the F.B.I. ever dug up can be secured by any American for about \$20 a year merely by subscribing to the Daily Worker and Political Affairs.

"For this \$20 worth of annual information about Communists, the nation pays the F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover millions of dollars a year. This in itself is one of the biggest swindles upon the USA -- equal to the vast swindles in the buying and selling of Army surplus, contracts, land sites, etc. In fact, here is a rich, ripe plum for the probing interest of the Kefauver Crime Committee."

The Willie McGee case in Mississippi was front-paged in nearly every issue of the Daily Worker during the past thirty days. This is a typical racial gimmick like the Scottsboro case which the commies love to exploit. Their interest is quite understandable -- they win either way. The question of guilt or innocence is immaterial and irrelevant. Communists know in advance that through their world-wide propaganda network and demonstrated ability of arousing millions of sympathizers, that they can instigate with very little cost to themselves a global hulabaloo. If the unpleasant notoriety aroused by communist propaganda succeeds in winning a new trial, acquittal, commutation of sentence, pardon, reprieve or any other amelioration in the case, the communists blow that it was their militancy and publicity which saved the colored man "after conservative and bourgeois colored organizations had sold out and failed."

If the Negro is convicted or better yet sentenced to death, the commy ghoulies find it hard to hide and dissimulate their elation. "Vile racial chauvinism", "denial of elementary civil rights", and "persecution and framing of an innocent black man" is blown up to arouse and infuriate not only American Negroes and liberals and conservatives but the colored and anti-white races all over the world.

of MacArthur. The Daily Worker as far back as November 29, of last year, in a front page editorial demanded that President Truman "recall MacArthur at once, to stop his mad adventures and wild incendiary efforts to murder all efforts at a peace settlement." The official voice of Moscow then asked all Americans to wire or write the President demanding that General MacArthur be sacked.

In the intervening months the Daily Worker consistently maintained the attack on MacArthur and demanded his recall. A special editorial by William Z. Foster a week before the general's recall demanded "that this dangerous war instigator should at once be removed from his post of command. Without delay in the name of world peace, he should be brought back instantly in retirement to the country which he has not even deigned to visit for the past fourteen years."

After the General's dismissal the Daily Worker exulted:

"The Communists were among the first to demand the recall of MacArthur as a menace to America and world peace; this was a patriotic service for which they were reviled and smeared but events have now proved them right.

"A tremendous feeling of gratification will be felt over the nation today that the war-hungry General MacArthur who openly called for World War III has been fired by the government. With the firing of this arrogant militarist the peace camp of the world has won an important gain which opens up very great opportunities to advance the cause of peace."

However, the Administration is given no credit for the ousting of the Far Eastern Commander. "That world-wide protests of the peoples had much to do with MacArthur being fired unceremoniously is indisputable", claims the D.W.

"President Truman revealed in his address to the nation that he was forced to fire General MacArthur because of the peace sentiments of the American people and the insistent demands of world opinion."

A Daily Worker editorial on April 12 explains it all in Communist dialectics:

According to the Worker, Texas, Indiana, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, and Washington have also passed "police state bills." The Daily Worker pretends airily that such laws do not worry the communists--much. They are all bills of attainder, aimed narrowly and specifically at the communists and hence unconstitutional. Similar laws are said to be pending in Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina, and Massachusetts. The D.W. reported happily that "thought control bills" had been defeated in Nebraska and Tennessee.

"Silent Hollywoodites, who in 1947 militantly attacked the House Committee on Un-American Activities but who have nothing to say today" also get a good lashing in several columns of the Daily Worker. In 1947, the Worker laments, the COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT was set up and in operation within forty-eight hours. It then proceeds to name a long list of stars who in 1947 publicly announced that they were "disgusted and outraged by the continuing attempts of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to smear the motion picture industry. "Why are they silent today?" the Worker wants to know. The following are then named and asked, "Why don't you speak up today as you did in 1947?"

ROBERT YOUNG
LUCILLE BALL
FRANK SINATRA
JOSEPH COTTEN
MARGARET SULLIVAN
BURT LANCASTER
GREGORY PECK

MYRNA LOY
FREDERIC MARCH
RICHARD CONTE
GENE KELLY
WILLIAM WYLER
CORNELL WILDE
ROBERT RYAN

The column long lament and diatribe ends:

"The committee hasn't changed. Its still the same in 1951 as in 1947. But the stars seem to have changed their minds about the committee. Why are they silent? The longer their silence, the greater their guilt and shame."

If the communists are hurt and depressed by the strange "Silence in Hollywood" they more than make it up with joy and elation over the dismissal

touched an all time low for even communists when it mocked Judge Kauffman's obviously Jewish name by screaming "He deserves the title of honorary Aryan" (ala Hitler). The commies went on: "The German fascist scum began their nightmarish reign by branding the Jews as disloyal to the German nation. The U.S. racists do it differently. They get a Jewish prosecutor and a Jewish judge to do the dirty work. But few Jewish families in the U.S. will be deceived by this." (It should be pointed out that Judge Irving Kauffman who courageously sentenced the atomic spies, the Rosenbergs, to death is not the Judge Samuel Kauffman whose conduct of the first Alger Hiss trial aroused so much criticism.)

LARRY PARKS, movie actor who apparently made a clean breast of it recently before the House Un-American Activities Committee also got the full communist slime bucket dumped over him. According to the Worker, "Parks is a Hollywood Van der Lubbe who crawled on his belly before his inquisitors."

The Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, a fine and patriotic organization of real Americans in Hollywood, also must have done something to infuriate the Muscovites. The M.P.A.P.A.I. was the "Big finger in the 1947 Hollywood Investigation" and presumably had something to do with the reopened hearings into communist activity in the film capital.

A check of thirty issues of the Daily Worker, Sunday Worker and weekly Peoples World for the past month shows the following breakdown in front page and editorial emphasis. Negro racial items and Willie McGee made the front page nearly every day and the editorial columns at least six times. Next in importance was the general subject of "Operation Disaster", "Get Out of Korea", Bring Our Boys Home, attacks on MacArthur, and "American atrocities in Korea" made the front pages of Stalin's voice in America eleven times and the editorial columns five times. The phony communist "peace" campaign and other manifestations of Soviet foreign policy rated front page treatment eight times. Attacks on American foreign

"Why did MacArthur have to go? Because he was embarrassing the government before the world with his open demands for starting World War III immediately in Asia.

"The government's plan for world domination rests on the rearming of German fascist war power, with Europe as the planned main battlefield. MacArthur would not accept this variant of the basic strategy.

"By revealing the government's goal of world war, MacArthur was exposing the Truman government before the world. The Atlantic Pact was beginning to burst at the seams as Britain and France saw MacArthur pushing them into a vast colonial war against all of Asia."

During the past month the Daily Worker and Peoples World boosted WALDO SALT, PAUL JARRICO, HOWARD Da SILVA, and GALE SONDERGAARD for defying the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It also had a good word for Congressman Sabath of Illinois for introducing in Congress H.R. 3118 to repeal the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950. President ROBERT HUTCHINS of Chicago University got a pat on the head because he advocated "peace" talks between the U.S.A. and Soviet Russia. Prof. RICHARD A. BODGE, engineering prof of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. PAUL R. DAVID, zoology prof and art instructor ROBERT GARDNER also of the same college received Daily Worker plaudits because they had announced they would refuse to sign state anti-communist oaths. EARL CONRAD's book "THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SCANDAL" and the latest HOWARD FAST opus "PEEKSKILL U.S.A." also got a nice hand from the Reds. CLEMENS J. FRANCE "leading citizen of Rhode Island and former member of U.S. Attorney General McGrath's staff when he was Governor of Rhode Island" also won Communist plaudits for his part in the two day "pilgrimage to Washington to halt the drive" of deporting subversive aliens. The Daily Worker is still plugging JUDY HOLLIDAY's film, "Born Yesterday."

Under fire during the past month in the Stalinist press were Police Commissioner Murphy of New York, Judge Michael Musmanno of Pittsburgh, Adolph Menjou, General MacArthur, J. Edgar Hoover, George Sokolsky, Matt Cvetic, and Judge Irving Kauffman of the Federal Court of New York. The Worker probably

- compiling a list of subversive organizations, and deciding which N. Y. State jobs are in the "sensitive" defense category. As usual the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION was on hand to oppose the bill. The N.Y. Civil Service Employees Association while not objecting to the aim of the legislation, opposed the procedures set up under it.

Opposition now appears to have been unnecessary. Two weeks after the bill was signed, the Civil Service Commission announced that it would not invoke the machinery of the new law unless a state or municipal agency came to it with some specific case of an employee suspected of subversive activity endangering national defense. The Commission also announced that it would not compile a list of security or sensitive positions nor would it draw up any list, as the law directed, of subversive organizations. Looks like a case of the dead letter Callahan Act of Michigan all over again.

The same dismal story of apathy and indifference in facing the menace of subversion and internal morale sabotage was repeated in California where the Third District Court of Appeals at Sacramento threw out as unconstitutional a State Board of Regents loyalty and anti-communist oath prescribed for state college professors and instructors. Even the Board of Regents itself had been split over the question with Governor Warren siding with a minority bitterly opposed to the anti-communist oath. The learned legal opinion and profound reasoning of the three California justices: Paul Peek, Annette Adams, and B. F. Van Dyke is worth quoting from the N.Y. Times news dispatch of April 6.

"The constitutional pledge is the highest loyalty that can be demonstrated by any citizen. The exacting of any other test of loyalty would be anti-ethical (sic) to our fundamental concept of freedom. Any other conclusion would be to approve that which from the beginning of our government has been denounced as the most effective means by which one special brand of political or economic philosophy can entrench and perpetuate itself to the eventual exclusion of all others; the imposition of any more inclusive test would be the forerunner of tyranny and oppression."

policy, rearmament of western Europe, the emergency, defense items, etc., made the front pages and editorial columns ten times. The Rosenberg death sentence, labor items and strikes, "fake war scares", ridiculing the Kefauver investigation (get the warmongers who are the real crooks), appeals for funds, and attacks on the McCarran Internal Security Act all received front page treatment at least once.

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THE HOME SECTOR

On April 10 the Department of State issued press release No. 266. Deputy Undersecretary Carlisle H. Humelsine announced that he had that day suspended Mrs. Esther Brunauer, a \$10,000 a year liaison officer with UNESCO, until her husband's status with the Navy Department is finally determined. The Navy had suspended Commander Stephen Brunauer under loyalty and security procedures. Brunauer, a Hungarian-born chemist came to this country about 1926 and was commissioned a full Commander in the U. S. Navy late in 1945 without previous naval or reserve experience. He worked on atomic research and was permitted to go to the Bikini tests in 1946.

While he admitted having been a communist for a brief period as an immigrant youth in this country, both he and his wife strenuously denied any pro-communist affiliations or even sympathies when they appeared before the Tydings committee last year. Mrs. Brunauer had been named by Senator Joseph McCarthy in his charges of communist infiltration of the State Department.

On march 26th, Governor Dewey of New York signed into law a bill designed to keep poor security risks out of N.Y. State "sensitive" defense positions. The law automatically expires June 30, 1952 or with the ending of President Truman's Emergency decree, whichever occurs first. The N. Y. State Civil Service Commission is charged with determining who are poor security risks,

Protests and remonstrations questioning the suitability of MAXWELL S. STEWART as editor, according to Woltman, finally forced the Public Affairs Committee to have an inquiry made into Mr. Stewart's reputed fellow-traveller background. A private organization was commissioned to conduct a survey and in due time came back with a 117 page report, Woltman claims. It listed some forty communist front affiliations made by STEWART down through the years. The Scripps-Howard Pulitzer prize-winner then charges that the P.A.C. suppressed the report, retained Mr. Stewart and apparently forced the resignation of one of its Directors, Dr. J. Frederic Dewhurst, who had questioned the propriety of retaining STEWART. Another P.A.C. Director is WILLIAM L. HOLLAND, secretary-general of the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, presently under investigation by the Senate McCarran sub-committee on internal security. MAXWELL STEWART edited a series of I.P.R. pamphlets between 1942-48. According to the Woltman article, he was also associated with PHILIP J. JAFFE, of AMERASIA espionage ill-fame, in the early 1930's when they jointly edited CHINA TODAY, a strictly party-line publication, now defunct, which both the California and Massachusetts Legislative committees cited.

N. Y. Supreme Court Justice Henry C. Greenberg has reserved decision on the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER dissolution suit brought by N. Y. State Insurance Superintendent Bohlinger. The hearings lasted nearly three months and developed an interesting picture of communist intrigue and cynical chicanery in setting up an alleged "fraternal and beneficial insurance organization" for out-and-out C.P. objectives. Justice Greenberg indicated that he would require some time to peruse 5,000 pages of testimony and 500 exhibits. Louis Budenz, Paul Crouch, and a number of other former high C.P. functionaries testified against I.W.O. ROCKWELL KENT, the artist, is president of the I.W.O. which operates in some twenty states. A recent House Committee on Un-American Activities publication cited KENT as an undisputed heavy-weight champion joiner

The decision, which naturally was received by the communists with joy and acclaim, will presumably be appealed to the California Supreme Court.

The Washington, D. C., Times-Herald recently ran an illuminating series of articles on Harvard and Harvard's Law School as alleged breeding cultures for a whole generation of smart commy lawyers of the type of ALGER HISS, LEE PRESSMAN, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., and many others. The articles charged that several Harvard Law School alumni have become aroused over the situation and have either withheld bequests or otherwise indicated they were disturbed that their alma mater had become a veritable incubator for red legal luminaries and Stalinist legal hatchetmen. The subversive activities of these college-trained legal goons was fully documented last year in a special article "Terror by Law" written by then National Commander George Craig for the Legion Magazine.

A Massachusetts legislative committee investigating subversive activities in the Bay State ran into a whole nest of recalcitrant and tongue-tied witnesses, a large percentage of which turned out to be old grads from Harvard. The Times-Herald article charged: "The spotlight on communism at Harvard University is currently centered upon the law school. This graduate branch has manufactured more radical legal planners for the government in Washington than any other school and the assembly line is still going strong."

Fred Woltman, tireless exposé of phony red fronts and crypto-Stalinists for the N.Y. World-Telegram, has broken an important story on the alleged suppression of a startling 117 page report on MAXWELL S. STEWART, editor in chief of PUBLIC AFFAIRS PAMPHLETS. The PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, which publishes these pamphlets, is composed of twenty-eight highly reputable educators and others and the pamphlets on government, economics and other subjects have been above question or criticism. The P.A.C., a non-profit organization, has published over 17,000,000 pamphlets on 170 different subjects. They are widely used in state school systems, the Armed Services, and by the Federal government.

Nimitz. Law firms, whose members serve on Federal boards or commissions, are prohibited from appearing before any Federal boards, agencies or commissions or filing suits against the U.S. for two years after the termination of such Federal service. This applies to at least two other C.I.S.I.R. members.

C.I.S.I.R. held one meeting and decided that it could not start operations until all members as well as professional staff had been legally exempted by Congress from the provisions of the "Conflict of Interest" statutes. The House of Representatives has passed the necessary legislation but the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Chairman Pat McCarran of Nevada, has bottled up the Senate version of the enabling act. Washington newsmen predict that the Nevada veteran Democrat is not going to be in any hurry to unbottle C.I.S.I.R. Meanwhile, six full-time, paid staff members of C.I.S.I.R. twiddle their thumbs in a Washington office watching the hands of the clock.

Representative Charles Kersten of Wisconsin submitted H. Cons. Res. 94 on April 17. The resolution aims at driving a psychologic wedge of proffered American friendship between the enslaved Soviet people and their communist overlords. The Kersten Resolution, while a bit weak in its affirmative clauses is otherwise a powerful indictment of the whole vile Soviet system and is excellently formulated. It is far superior to the MacMahon resolution recently passed by the Senate which carefully avoids attacking the Soviet ruling class and is nothing more than a pious set of empty platitudes. Legionnaires desiring to study the Kersten resolution for possible support at Department convention level should write direct to Rep. Charles Kersten, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

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of commy fronts with some 83 affiliations chalked up on his record.

The state of Utah was recently honored (?) by having the Right Rev. ARTHUR W. MOULTON, retired Episcopal bishop, recognized by Soviet Russia as a gold-medal winner in Stalin's "peace" derby. Six other non-Russians received similar recognition as "world peace champions". In addition to gold medals bearing the likeness of the Great and Wise Father of Nations, Josef Djugashvili, alias Stalin, the prize-winners are also granted 100,000 good Soviet rubles. The exact value of 100,000 communist greenbacks is hard to compute in American dollars due to curious Soviet exchange regulations but news reports estimate the prize to be worth around \$25,000 — if collected in Russia. The question is academic as far as the Right Rev. MOULTON is concerned because he announced in Salt Lake City that while he was highly gratified to be the only American to be recognized by Stalin as an outstanding peace proponent, he "could not accept money from any source, either left or right." The Red Dean of Canterbury, alias Hewlett Johnson, was another lucky Stalin gold medallist.

The U. S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the Constitutionality of the Maryland Ober Act.

The Nimitz Commission on Internal Security and Individual Rights (C.I.S.I.R.) set up recently by President Truman has run afoul of the law. At least four of its members appear to be disqualified from serving until suitable legislation is passed by Congress specifically exempting them from punitive provisions of the Federal "Conflict of Interests" statutes. This body of Federal law prohibits Federal officials from retaining private business connections with companies which deal with the U. S. government or engage in contractual relations with Uncle Sam. There is also a law prohibiting a military officer of the United States, drawing military pay or pension, from taking another Federal job. This affects the Chairman, Fleet Admiral Chester

favors and help. During the critical paper shortage of 1944 or 1945, the American Newspaper Publishers Association tapped the august N.Y. Times for sixteen tons of newsprint which was furnished the red rag of East 13th Street in order to keep the "free press of America going."

The NATIONAL FARMERS UNION, at a recent closed meeting in Denver, allegedly yanked the charters of three states, New York, Ohio, and Alabama. The ostensible reason given was that their dues payments had fallen below the constitutional minimum of 1,000 but the commies are beefing privately that the real reason was an internal split over support of the Korean war.

Best laugh of the month. The Daily Worker of April 9th editorialized: "It is a lie that the Communist Party advocates or encourages espionage among its members. On the contrary, the Party's constitution expressly calls for the expulsion of any member engaging in espionage. (Article 8, Section 3.)"

Wow!

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

There have been several important magazine articles recently on communism and Soviet Espionage. American Mercury for April contains a very fine article by Bradford Huie entitled, "Who Gave Russia the A-bomb?"

The U.S. News and World Report for March 30th, ran an interview with F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover giving his report on the present state of "The Communist Menace in the U.S." The article was illustrated with a map of the 48 states showing the F.B.I.'s count of known communists in each state as well as the territories. Editor David Lawrence's last page editorials on the world crisis and what America must do to face up to the black plague of Soviet

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

The Daily Worker crowed recently that Robert Mitchum had been suspended by R.K.O. Pictures for refusing to play in an anti-Soviet film, "High Frontier".

Some smart and patriotic publisher should have Valentine Gonzales' "Life and Death in the Soviet Union" translated from the French and published in the United States. Gonzales, more popularly known as "El Campesino", was a Stalinist division commander in the Spanish Loyalist Army. General Gonzales became a legendary Soviet hero and was one of the last Loyalist generals to flee to Russia when Franco finally won. "El Campesino" was feted and lionized in Russia for a few years until he got a true insight into the nature of his Bolshevik hosts and how they ran the "Workers' Fatherland". Came the inevitable 2 A.M. knock on the door by the G.P.U., the usual phony charges of "counter-revolutionary activity" and the inevitable sentence to Siberia. The story of his escape is sensational and would make a marvelous movie -- if Hollywood made that kind of anti-communist picture, which it does not.

The Daily Worker of March 23rd boasts that it has friends on the staff of the New York Times. It smirks that it received a \$5 contribution from a reader of that staid and conservative paper who said he had learned of the Daily Worker's financial plight in the N.Y. Times. The anonymous contributor wrote: "You must have friends on the Times". Moscow's voice of sedition then went on to mockingly thank the Times for "unwittingly and so very unintentionally effectively advertising the Worker's appeal."

The insinuation that the N.Y. Times has a commy cell deeply imbedded in its editorial offices is hardly news. The Stalinists even had their own local shop paper put out regularly in the Times as far back as 20 or more years ago. The Daily Worker's needling is a typical example of commy gratitude for past

COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The U.A.W., C.I.O. Convention ended with very little opposition to Walter Reuther. This came as a surprise to many inasmuch as local unions had expressed considerable opposition in pre-convention elections.

A reliable source of information who covered the U.A.W. Convention says that the C.P. is in the midst of a reorientation program for the purpose of going completely underground and that any strong opposition would have shown their hand, not only to Reuther, but to the rank and file anti-communists in the U.A.W. As a result of this underground policy, no known communist caucuses were held. This is a complete turn-around from past U.A.W. conventions where C.P. caucuses were known to have been conducted.

Since the inception of the C.I.O., the commies have held open caucuses, and as late as 1948 were successful in getting their program and slate across on the Convention floors. The action of the C.P. at the recent Cleveland U.A.W. Convention should serve as a warning signal to Reuther and all anti-communists in the U.A.W. and the C.I.O. The pre-convention elections which definitely indicated great strength for the communist party, coupled with the fact that they did not exert any pressure or make demands, should forewarn all anti-communists and law enforcement agencies to be ever alert.

The communist party has now gone completely underground. This means that anti-communist unions and their rank and file membership must work with law enforcement agencies to prevent sabotage which will automatically come when the Kremlin so decides that criminal communism must be extended to the United States in full force and under direct control of Moscow.

We would like to point out once more the necessity for rank and file trade unionists to attend and take an active part in the functions of their local and international trade union activities.

imperialism are about as sound and inspiring as can be found in any of the popular, national magazines.

Nation's Business for April, has a very important article by psychological warfare authority, Paul Linebarger, entitled "Hotfoot for Stalin."

Six very important books have appeared in the last month or two which if effectively plugged and placed in public and school libraries will render a valuable public service in acquainting Americans with the real nature of the enemy. The six following titles will be added to the next revised "Recommended Reading List":

"Eleven Years in Soviet Prison Camps"	Elinor Lipper Henry Regnery & Co.	\$3.50
"Neither Three Nor Five"	Helen MacInnes Harcourt Brace	\$3.00
"Under Two Dictators"	Margarete Buber Dodd Mead & Co.	\$4.00
"The Communist Trail in America"	Jacob Spolansky Macmillan	\$3.50
"The New Soviet Empire"	D. J. Dallin Yale Univ. Press	\$3.75
"This Deception"	Hede Massing Duell, Sloan & Pearce	\$3.50

Other important anti-communist books will be recommended in the next issue of the Summary as a limited staff has opportunity to review them.

"The Front is Everywhere" by Col. Kintner, Oklahoma Univ. Press, still remains the most important counter-subversive book published in the past six months.

"Eleven Years in Soviet Prison Camps" by a Dutch girl and former school-kid communist easily is the most moving and readable of the above list.

All of these books can be secured through your own American Legion Book Service.

The following represents excerpts from a certified copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the board of directors of Wallace Brown, Inc., 225 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, relative to the disposition of an interest in this concern by one Philip J. Jaffe, who has been previously mentioned in the SUMMARY OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS:

"I, LOUIS LIVANT, Secretary and Treasurer of WALLACE BROWN, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the following is a transcript of the minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above corporation, held on September 1, 1950 at 3:30 P.M. of that day at which a quorum of the Board of Directors were present throughout:"

"The Chairman stated that this Special Meeting had been called and was being held

(a) to act upon the proposals of Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe to sell their stock to the corporation;

(b) to act upon the proposal for the cancellation of the employment contracts between this corporation and Hudson Greetings, Inc., its wholly owned subsidiary, with Mr. Philip J. Jaffe.

(c) to receive and act upon the resignation of Mr. Philip J. Jaffe as a Director and officer of this corporation; and

(d) the modification of the existing employment contracts between this corporation and Hudson Greetings, Inc. with Messrs. Samuel Jaffe, Daniel Goldstein and Louis Livant.

"The Chairman stated that after considerable and extended negotiations whereby this corporation would acquire five (5) shares of its common capital stock held by Philip J. Jaffe, and the twenty-five (25) shares of said stock held by Agnes Jaffe, his wife, and Philip J. Jaffe would sever and terminate all connections with this corporation and its subsidiary, Hudson Greetings, Inc., as stockholder, officer, director and employee...."

"He thereupon read to the meeting the contract entered into

Another recent purge to clear the unions of communists resulted in a two-to-one victory by the C.I.O. United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers over the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers in the Imperial Valley and the Yuma Valley last month. By a vote of 1,249 to 640, the workers in the vegetable packing sheds of the two great valleys chose the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers. This is a new union set up after the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural workers were ousted from the C.I.O. in the big purge led by anti-communists that resulted in the ouster of eleven international trade unions.

Time and space prohibit specifically pointing out the individual local unions affiliated with international unions that knowingly or unknowingly assist the communist party of the United States. We hope in the near future to incorporate in the Summary the record of local and international unions which have adhered to the communist party line within the United States.

The C.I.O. has, in all good faith, tried to eliminate communism from its ranks. This is a task that cannot be accomplished from the high echelons of the trade union movement. This is a task that must be dealt with from the rank and file level.

Until such time that the individual trade unionist takes an active interest in the decisions and policies of the union, it will be impossible to drive communism from the trade union movement.

This is an urgent appeal to every individual who feels that the trade unions belong to the American way of life and are worth preserving.

Take an active interest in your local and international trade union activities!

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Involving the payment of substantial sums of money in consideration for the acquisition of the stock and relinquishment by said Philip J. Jaffe of his rights pursuant to an unexpired long term contract as an executive of the company at a substantial salary."

The affidavit from which the above excerpts were taken was executed on March 15, 1951.

* * *

between the corporation, its remaining stockholders, and said Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe. After a discussion was had, it was on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

"RESOLVED, that the aforesaid contract for the purchase of stock and severance of relationships between Philip J. Jaffe and this corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Hudson Greetings, Inc., be and the same hereby is, in all respects, approved, ratified and confirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the act of the Vice-President of this corporation, in executing said contract for and on behalf and in the name of this corporation, be and the same hereby is, in all respects, approved, ratified and confirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that an executed counterpart of the aforesaid contract be annexed to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

"The Chairman stated that the next matter of business was the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Philip J. Jaffe as an officer and Director of this corporation and the election of a Director and officer to fill the vacancy caused by said resignation. After discussion was had, it was on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

"RESOLVED, that the resignation of Mr. Philip J. Jaffe as a Director and as the President of this corporation, be and the same hereby is accepted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that said resignation be appended to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting."

"I further certify that the said shares of stock of Wallace Brown, Inc. sold as aforesaid by Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe to the corporation comprised 5% and 25% respectively of the then issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the corporation; that said Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe, his wife, are neither the owners of nor holders of, nor to my knowledge do they have any beneficial interest in any of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Wallace Brown, Inc.

"I further certify that the aforesaid transaction by which Wallace Brown, Inc. acquired all of the shares of common stock of that corporation theretofore by Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe, his wife, was a bona fide transaction

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May 13, 1951

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REPORTING TO THE
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal-Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Legion National Executive Committee adopted the attached Resolution at Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis last week. You will recall this Resolution was adopted in Philadelphia in September 1949.

I visited Legion Headquarters during week of April 23-28 and asked to have this Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee, due to present unsettled conditions in Washington. When a Legion Resolution is adopted at a National Convention, it is considered as current business to be given special attention for the following year. It is a Mandate to the new National Commander. Then it becomes a part of Legion policy, and the end of the 12 month period.

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Any time that you feel that there is need for any additional support on the part of the Legion, please advise. I can get action P.B.O. Not only through the Legion but also through my small business organization with thousands of veterans as members.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick A. Wand, Past Commander
Onarga Legion Post No. 551

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NATIONAL CONVENTION - - THE AMERICAN

Resolutions Nos. 304 (Kansas), 304 (Ohio), 360 (Idaho) and 364 (Illinois) be consolidated with Resolution No. 135 (Montana), which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The American Legion, assembled for its 31st Annual Convention, has been for the past twenty years cognizant and fully aware of the inherent dangers of Communism, Nazism and Fascism, and

WHEREAS, Recent disclosures in the press of the nation has awakened the public to the danger of communist infiltration into important positions in our national government, and

WHEREAS, The paramount and first line of defense against the Communist menace has been and still is the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its entire personnel, directed and led by J. Edgar Hoover; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has ever been in the forefront of the fight to support and maintain the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it might properly and adequately function in maintaining our national security, and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is fully cognizant of recent attempts to discredit the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and

WHEREAS, All delegates are aware of and appreciative of, as veterans, the honesty, diligence, perseverance and integrity of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, and we hereby renew our pledge of continued support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will cooperate in every manner possible in maintaining its strength intact to preserve the safety and liberty of this nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, AUGUST 28, 29, 30 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1949, that without qualification or reservation, we do hereby commend, endorse and declare our absolute confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and specifically in its Director J. Edgar Hoover, for the magnificent work performed by the F.B.I. in combating the criminal and traitorous elements endangering our national security.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SUITABLY ENCLOSED AND TRANSMITTED TO DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER.

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May 21, 1951

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Mr. Frederick A. Wand
Division Manager
National Federation of Independent Business
North Shore National Bank Building
1737 Howard Street
Chicago 26, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wand:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 13, 1951, and the enclosed copy of the Resolution adopted recently by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

All of us in the FBI are most appreciative of the continued excellent support given to us by you and other members of the Legion. Your kind offer of further assistance has been noted and you may be assured that we will not hesitate to call upon you whenever the occasion arises.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

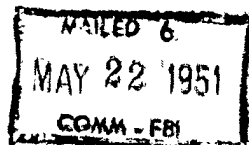
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It is noted that the National headquarters of the National Federation of Independent Business is located at Burlingame, California.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. WILLIS C. REED
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 21, 1951

Mr. Lee Pennington, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.



My dear Inspector:

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its fifth Girls Nation in Washington from July 27th to August 2nd. I know I need not explain to you the importance of this occasion when 96 girls of the highest character and leadership ability participate in forming a Girls Nation following lines of the National Government.

I wish these girls to have the opportunity of viewing all phases of our National Government and of meeting the persons who are helping to guide it in our time. I am writing to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, requesting permission for the girls to tour the Bureau and I shall appreciate it very much if you will address them during their visit, which we have tentatively scheduled for 8:30 the morning of Monday, July 30th.

Thank you very much for any assistance you find it possible to give us.

*Yours OK'd for July 30
at 9:30 A.M. for 96 persons
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Sincerely,

Hope Reed HOPE REED
MRS. WILLIS C. REED
National President

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Mrs. Willis C. Reed
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
National Headquarters
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Reed:

Your letter of June 21, 1951, has been received and your communication of the same date addressed to Inspector Lee R. Pennington has been brought to my attention. I am happy to learn of the proposed visit to Washington by the representatives of the fifth Girls Nation from July 27 to August 2, 1951.

Although it will not be possible to arrange a tour at the hour you requested, arrangements have been made so that the girls can view our facilities at 9:30 a.m., July 30, 1951. At the conclusion of the tour Mr. Pennington will address the group. I do hope that this time will fit into your schedule. If I am in Washington on that date, I shall be glad to have the opportunity of meeting these outstanding representatives from all parts of the United States.

Best wishes for a most enjoyable trip,

Sincerely yours,

JUN 30 1951

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CC: Mr. Pennington with copy of incoming
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MRS. WILLIS C. REED
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 21, 1951

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.



My dear Mr. Hoover:

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its fifth Girls Nation in Washington from July 27th to August 2nd. The representatives at this Girls Nation will be young women who have finished their junior year in high school and who have been selected through Girls State forums held in each state. The girls are chosen from their communities for outstanding qualities of leadership and character and are brought together on the campus of some college to participate in a program showing the actual functioning of town, county, and state government. Two young women from each of the forty-eight states will be the guests of the National Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary in Washington, where they will participate in forming a Girls Nation following lines of the National Government.

I wish these girls to have the opportunity of viewing all phases of our National Government and of meeting the persons who are helping to guide it in our time. I shall be very grateful to you if arrangements can be made for the girls to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 8:30 the morning of Monday, July 30th.

I have written to Inspector Lee Pennington, asking if he will address the girls during the course of their visit at the Bureau, and I venture to hope that you also will be able to greet them.

I shall look forward eagerly to your response.

Sincerely,

Hope Reed
MRS. WILLIS C. REED
National President

HOPE REED

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. WILLIS C. REED
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

July 3, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you so much for your letter of
June 29th. The hour of 9:30 a.m. on July
30th for the visit of Girls Nation to the
Federal Bureau of Investigation will fit
in quite well with the plans for that day.

I want you to know how much we appreciate
your and Mr. Pennington's cooperation.

Sincerely,

Willis C. Reed
MRS. WILLIS C. REED
National President

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Reulets of June 7 and March 30, 1951, concerning contact with Mr. G. CHAPMAN CALDWELL, member of the National Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion.

This is to advise that for over a period of three years, Mr. CALDWELL has been a contact of this office and during this period of time has served as Chairman of the Americanism Committee for American Legion Post 2, Peoria, Illinois. He has also held other offices in that organization including that of Post Commander. He is presently listed by this office as a source of information and an American Legion contact.

Mr. CALDWELL continually gives us the benefit of any information his committee in Peoria uncovers concerning Communism or Communists and he keeps this office abreast of any trends sent to him by the National UnAmerican Committee of the American Legion. Specifically in the recent past, he has advised us of the whereabouts of two security index subjects in Peoria, Illinois, who changed employment and were difficult to find for a time. His cooperation along this line has been excellent.

In the event Mr. CALDWELL furnishes this office with any information of value to the Bureau in the future concerning a state-wide or national incident in Communist Party affairs, the Bureau will be promptly advised.

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Mr. Clarence H. Olson
Assistant Director
National Legislative Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Olson:

I have received your letter of June 12, 1951, advising of the efforts you have made to assure receipt here of the Legislative Bulletin. I am sure that we will experience no further difficulty in this regard, and I desire to thank you for your forwarding the back copies.

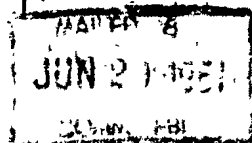
Sincerely yours,

G.I.R.-5

John Edgar Hoover
Director

The letter from Mr. Olson refers to his having been contacted by Mr. Melton (Department of Justice) concerning some difficulty we have had in getting the Legislative Bulletin of The American Legion on time. We subscribe to this publication, which follows the progress of Veterans legislation through Congress and is of value to the Administrative Division. Mr. Melton was contacted by that division with the Bureau's complaint regarding delivery.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
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TELEPHONE:
EXECUTIVE 4811

June 12, 1951

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Room 5525
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have been informed by Mr. Melton that you have not received regular issues of our Legislative Bulletin. We made immediate inquiry at The Law Reporter Printing Company. They assured us that the publication was being sent to you regularly.

We are making a minor change in the address which is: Washington 25, instead of Washington 1.

We are enclosing the last four issues so that you may complete your files.

Copies detailed Trusting the above is satisfactory, I am
W. Clark

Sincerely yours,

Clarence H. Olson
CLARENCE H. OLSON
Assistant Director

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*Letter to Mr. Olson
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*MR. Olson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: June 18, 1951

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Rebulet dated March 30, 1951, requesting this office to contact [redacted] a member of the National Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion, for information he has concerning Communism.

Reference is also made to bulet of April 10, 1951, captioned [redacted] Portland, Oregon, SECURITY MATTER - C, suggesting contact [redacted] to obtain a list of Communist literature which he has to be forwarded to the Bureau to the attention of the Central Research Desk.

[redacted] is under his supervision. In addition, as first referenced letter indicates, he is a member of the Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion. [redacted]

[redacted] has for a number of years been cooperating with this office concerning security investigations. The files of this squad are always checked where pertinent in security investigations.

[redacted] has been interested in the study of Communism since the early 1930's. The Communist publications in the possession [redacted] are not thoroughly or accurately indexed or filed so as to be readily available. [redacted] advised that among those publications he maintains in his briefcase for speaking purposes as a member of the American Legion which may be of interest to the Bureau are the following:

- "The Next Step in Britain, America, and Ireland" from the 12th Plenum of the ECCI, (1926) published by the Workers Library, New York
- "Manifesto of the Communist Party" published at Chicago by the Charles H. Kerr Company, 1908.
- "The Organization of a World Party" by O. PIATNITSKY, April, 1928, published by the Dorrit Press, Ltd., 68-70 Lant Street, and distributed by the Communist Party of Great Britain.
- "The Struggle Against Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communists" published by the Workers Library, March, 1932.
- "The Revolutionary Crisis Is Maturing" by D. Z. MANULLSKY, published by the Workers Library.
- "The State and Revolution" by V. I. LENIN, 1935.
- "Road to Power" by STALIN, 1937.

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Letter, Director
Re: CP, USA
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- "The World Economic Crisis, Strike Struggles and the Tasks of the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement" by A. LOZOVSKY, published by the State Publisher, Moscow-Leningrad, 1931.
- "What Is To Be Done?" by V. I. LENIN, 1935.
- "The Communist International #1, January, 1940."
- "The American Intellectuals" by MAXIM GORKY, printed in the United States in 1932, Second Edition, International Pamphlet #28.
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- "Political Economy," by LEONTIEV.
- "Socialism and Ethics," by HOWARD SELSAM.
- "Stalin's Kampe," by STALIN.
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- "The Peril of Fascism," by A. B. MAGIL, HENRY STEVENS.
- "The People's Front," by EARL BROWDER.
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- "A Textbook of Dialectical Materialism," DAVID QUEST.
- "An American Foreign Policy for Peace," BROWDER.
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- "Program of the Communist International."
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- "Spain 1936, Findings of an International Youth Commission," CADDEN.
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- "Socialism, War and America," BROWDER.
- "Stop the War," BROWDER.
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- "Stalin's Kampf," STALIN.
- "The Coal Miners, Their Problems in War & Peace," by WM. Z. FOSTER, New Century Publishers.
- "The Communist," September 1939 (2), November 1939, May 1939, August, 1939, August 1938, July 1941, March 1940, October 1940, January 1940.
- "The Communist International," May 1938.
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- "The Great Initiative Including the Story of 'Communist Saturdays,'" by N. LENIN, The Marxian Educational Society, Detroit, Michigan.
- "The Menace of a New World War," WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, New Century Publishers, New York.
- "The Paris Commune," KARL MARX, with introduction by FREDERICK ENGLES, New York Labor New Co.
- "The People and the Congress," by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Workers Library Publishers, New York.
- "The Populist Movement in the United States," by ANNA ROCHESTER, International Publishers, New York.
- "The Red-Baiters Menace America," by EUGENE DENNIS, New Century Publishers, New York.
- "The Soviet Trade Unions and Allied Labor Unity," by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Workers Library Publishers, New York.
- "The State and Revolution, Marxist Teaching on the State and the Task of the Proletariat in the Revolution," by V. I. ULIANOV (N. LENIN).
- "The Teachings of Karl Marx," by V. I. LENIN, International Publishers, New York.
- "The Communist, Twenty Years of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. 1919-1939."
- "The People Against the War Makers," BROWDER.
- "The Communist Election Platform, 1936."
- "The War and the Working Class," DIMITROFF.
- "The Communist Party in Action," BITTELMAN.
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Letter, Director
Re: CP, USA
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"United Front Against Fascism," part of the proceedings of the seventh world congress of the communist international July 25-August 20, 1935, by GEORGI DIMITROFF, New Century Publishers, New York.

"Value, Price and Profit," by KARL MARX, edited by ELEANOR MARX AVELING, International Publishers, New York.

"Victory and After," by EARL BROWDER, International Publishers, New York (one-half million copies).

"What Is Communism?" BROWDER.

"Wage-Labour and Capital," MARX.

"What Is To Be Done?" Vol. 4, Little Lenin Library, LENIN.

[redacted] advised he will make any of the above available to the Bureau for photostating.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 17, 1951

11:30AM

Mr. Frederick A. Wand, Past Commander of Onarga American Legion Post 551, Onarga, Illinois, called at the Director's Reception Room and requested to see the Director. The Director's absence was explained and Mr. Wand consented to speak with an assistant. After checking he was referred to Mr. Nagel, in Mr. Nichols' Division.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols ☒ _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Laughlin ☒ _____
Mr. Jones ☒ _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Mr. Nagel advises that Mr. Wand was desirous of obtaining information regarding the Harry Bridges Case, as he stated the American Legion was planning to pass a resolution concerning this case. Mr. Nagel advised him that this case is an immigration matter and under the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Mr. Nagel is preparing a memorandum and proposed letter from the Director to Mr. Wand.

Attached is a copy of Mr. Wand's letter to the Director, dated June 21, 1951 and the Director's reply dated June 28, 1951.

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July 19, 1951

Mr. Frederick A. Wand
Post Office Box 262
Onarga, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wand:

I have been advised of your visit to FBI Headquarters on July 17, 1951, and I regret that I was not in my office at that time.

As was pointed out to you, the Bridges matter is being handled by the Immigration authorities and, consequently, we are not in a position to advise the current status of the case. The thought occurs to me that you might wish to communicate with the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Department of Justice, 19th and East Capitol Streets, Northeast, Washington 25, D. C., for this information.

I do want to thank you for your friendly interest on behalf of the FBI and I hope that your plans for the American Legion Convention at Miami will progress satisfactorily.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *1963*
 FROM : M. A. *1963*
 SUBJECT: FREDERICK A. WAND

DATE: July 18, 1951 *mt*

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By reference from the Director's office, Special Agent George Nagel talked to Mr. Frederick A. Wand on July 17, 1951.

Mr. Wand, who is past commander of the Onarga American Legion Post No. 551, Onarga, Illinois, stated that he had been in contact with the Director on numerous occasions in the past on various matters and had sponsored a number of resolutions by the Legion in support of the Bureau and of Mr. Hoover. He explained that he feels that the Legion should pass a resolution on the Harry Bridges Case at its September convention in Miami, and that was the reason he had called on the Director - to discuss the nature of such a resolution. One purpose of his call was to learn the present status of the Bridges Case.

It was explained to Mr. Wand that this is not a Bureau case, that it is being handled by the Immigration authorities and consequently the Bureau would not be informed as to all the details of this case and the exact current status.

He then suggested that he would like to hear from the Director on the matter of the resolution and would appreciate any information the Bureau might have available on the current status of Henry Bridges.

He was advised that his request would be made known to the Director.

Bureau files reflect prior cordial correspondence with Mr. Wand. His Legion Post has passed resolutions commending the Director and the Bureau. He sent a letter to the Director on June 21, 1951, advising that he would be spending his vacation in Charlottesville, Virginia, and would be in Washington during the latter part of July. He expressed a desire to come in and discuss the resolutions with the Director. By letter dated June 28, 1951, the Director thanked Mr. Wand for his letter and invited him to visit FBI Headquarters during his visit in Washington and would be glad to see him if he were in at the time of Mr. Wand's call.

A news service item with a July 16, 1951, San Francisco date line stated that attorneys for Bridges filed an appeal in the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on that date charging that a Federal District Court committed twenty-three errors in convicting him for perjury in 1950. Court sources said that "following other technicalities, the case probably will be calendared for a hearing sometime in October or November," according to the release.

A suggested letter to Mr. Wand is attached.

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ERLE COCKE, JR., NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
requests the pleasure of the company of

Mr. Hoover

AT A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE DEDICATION OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS
BUILDING

RSVP

ERLE COCKE, JR.
1608 K STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.
EXECUTIVE 4811, EXTENSION 111

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: DONALD R. WILSON

DATE: August 9, 1951

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Attached is some material on the above individual who, according to Inspector Pennington, quite possibly will be the next National Commander of the American Legion. It is suggested that this data be filed for possible future reference.

Attachment

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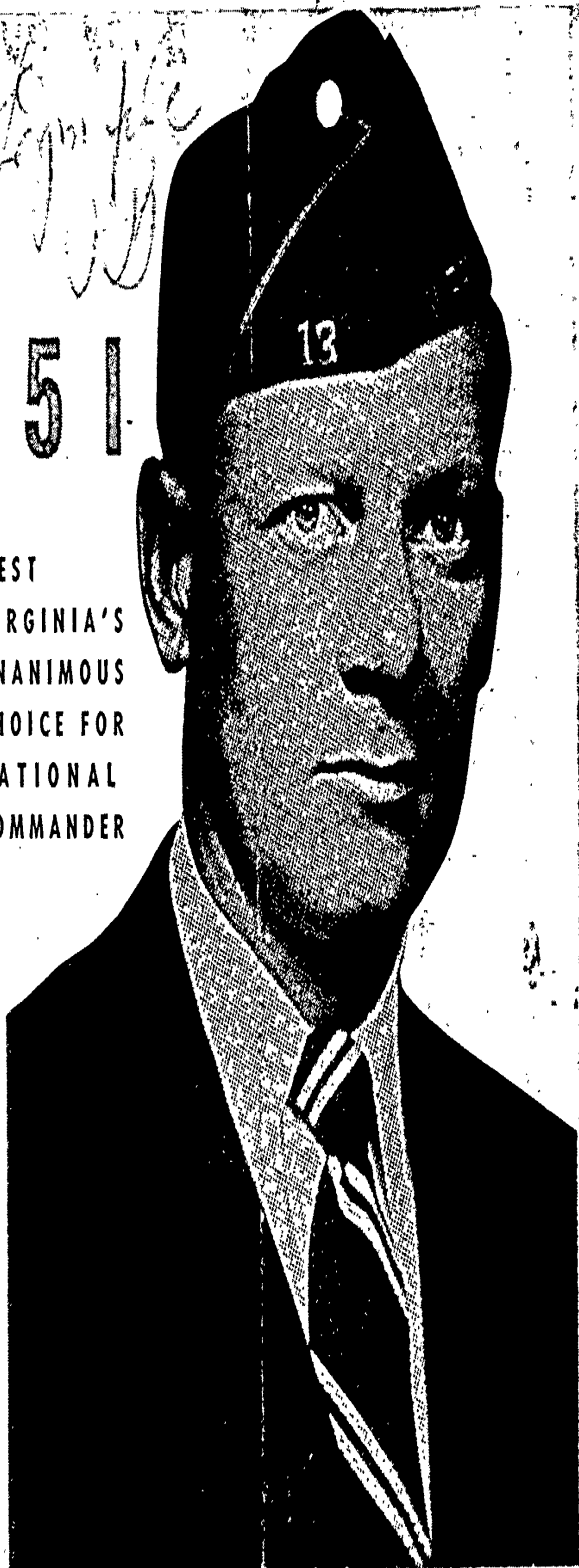
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VIRGINIA'S
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'51 DONALD R. WILSON

'51 Recognized student of International Affairs

'51 Forceful, convincing speaker

'51 Able executive and administrator

'51 Experienced at local, state and national levels

'51 Active in solving individual "Rehab" problems

'51 Informed, uncompromising foe of Communism

'51 Urges "Aggressive Americanism"

'51 Demands policy of "International Realism"

'51 Leads campaign for increased "National Security"

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NATIONAL COMMANDER . . . 1951

- Born in Detroit, Michigan, May 17, 1917 — graduated Princeton University 1939 — LLB, University of Virginia 1942. Married — two children — practicing attorney in Clarksburg, W. Va. — enlisted U. S. Army 1942, Commissioned 1943, Served European Theatre, Honorably Discharged 1945.
- 1946-47 First WW II Commander Roy E. Parrish Post No. 13, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- 1947-48 Commander 3rd Dist., Dept. of W. Va.
- 1948 Vice-Chairman National Convention Foreign Relations Committee. Member National Commanders Special Americanism Committee.
- 1948-49 Commander Dept. of W. Va.
Vice Chairman Natl. Membership and Post Activities Commission. Alternate Natl. Executive Committeeman.
Selected by Natl. Comdr. to testify before U. S. Foreign Relations Committee in behalf of North Atlantic Treaty.
- 1949-50 Vice Chairman National Legislative Commission.
- 1950-51 Chairman of Foreign Affairs Commission.

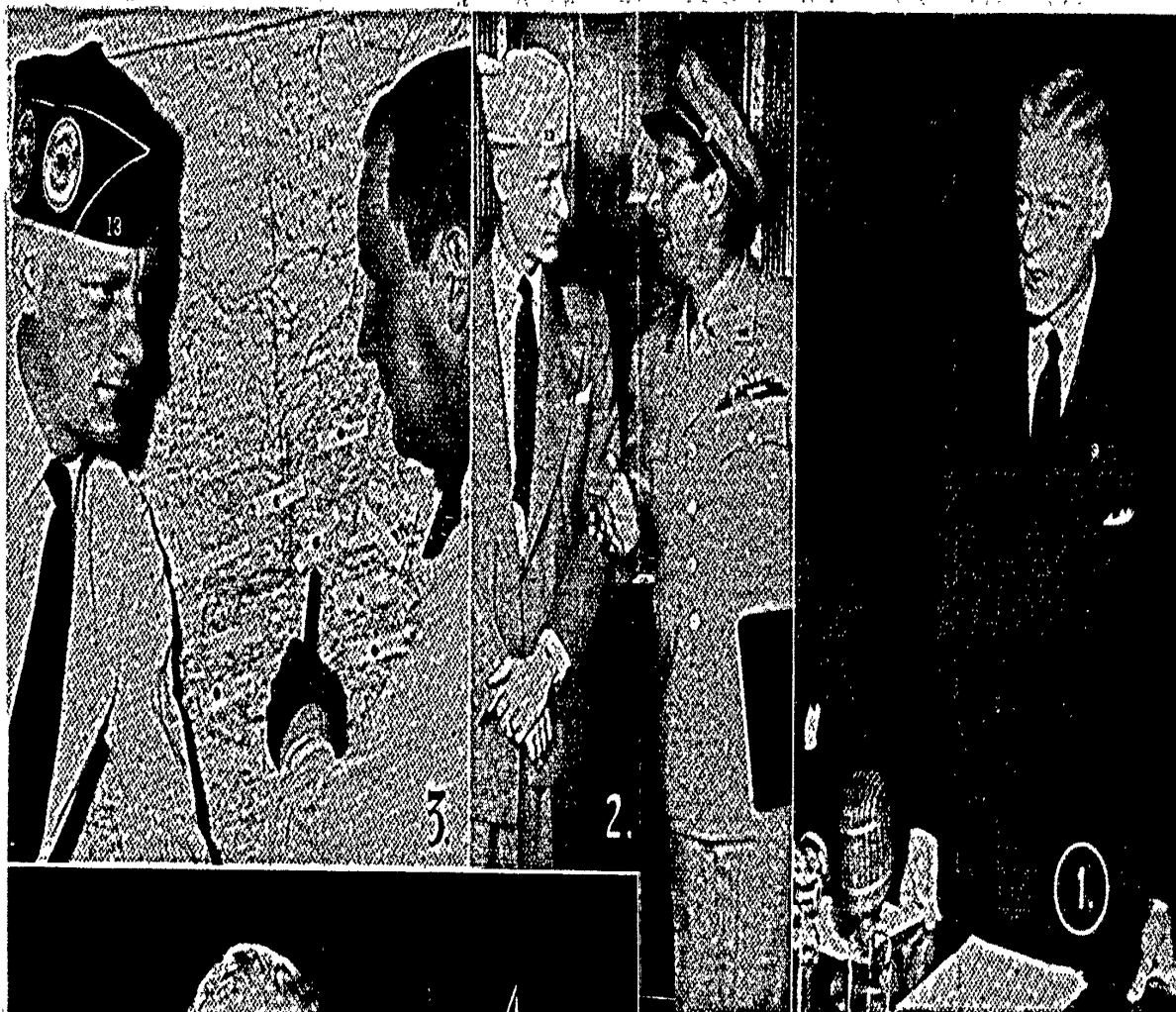
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- 1 Wilson represents American Legion at U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in Washington.
- 2 Receiving first-hand observations on global problems confronting the United States.
- 3 Plans for an extensive speaking campaign are laid at Wilson's headquarters in West Virginia.
- 4 Wilson reports to Department of West Virginia on pressing need for "Aggressive Americanism."

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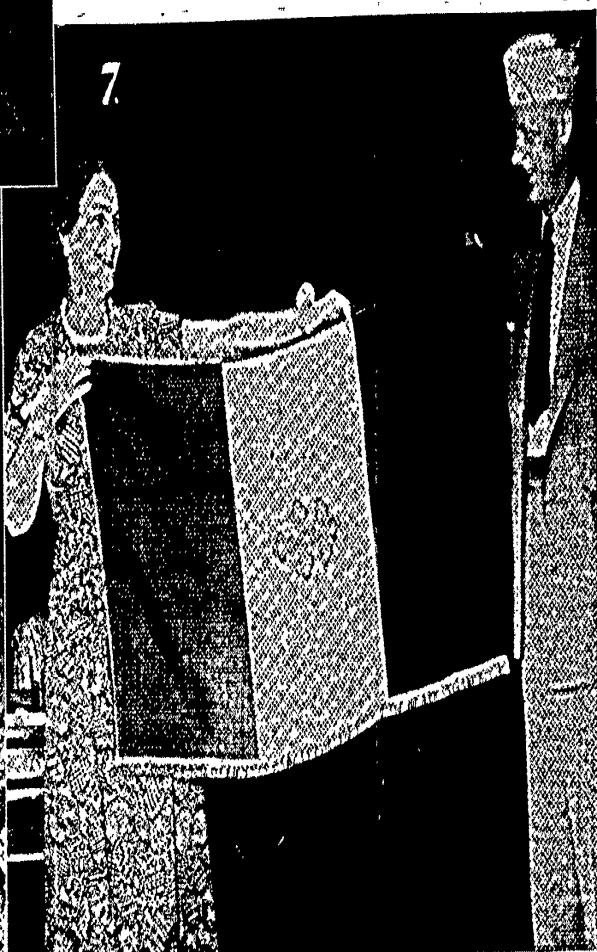
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5 Wilson emphasizes "Rehab," basic Legion responsibility, at dedication of War Memorial hospital.

6 National Commander's Banquet at Indianapolis hears Wilson speak on the Legion and Foreign Affairs.

7 Wilson accepts French Resistance flag, a symbol for freedom-loving men everywhere.



WILSON

FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER '51

August 24, 1951

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Honorable Erle Cocks, Jr.
National Commander
The American Legion
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

E. I. R. -9

My dear Commander:

I have received your letter of August 21, 1951, together with enclosure and sincerely appreciate the cordial invitation you extended to attend the Thirty-third Annual National Convention of The American Legion at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951.

While I would like to indicate an acceptance, the extremely heavy pressure of my official duties during these critical times has rendered my schedule most indefinite and it is impossible for me to make any commitments of this type during the foreseeable future.

I regret the circumstances which make it impossible for me to be with you and may I take this occasion to send along my best wishes for a most enjoyable and successful convention.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

August 21, 1951

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Alden
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
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Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend to you this cordial invitation to be one of our guests at the Thirty-third Annual National Convention of The American Legion, which will be held in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951.

This will undoubtedly be one of the greatest conventions The American Legion will ever have. In this critical period of unrest throughout the world, questions of vast importance to the nation will come to the attention of the assembled delegates at this convention and determination as to the policies to be followed by the organization will be made.

I am very hopeful that your engagements will permit you to accept this invitation and that you can be with us for the entire convention period. We will be happy to arrange the usual courtesies extended to our guests, such as special admission to the convention sessions and to the parade, and other convention functions to which you will be invited as our guest.

Enclosed is the type of form which we are sending to our Committee members, which you may fill out and return if you desire us to assist you in arranging room reservations.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ERLE COCKE, JR.
National Commander

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33d Annual National Convention
The American Legion
Miami, Florida - October 15-18, 1951

TO PERSON ADDRESSED:

Please designate on the following form the type and price of reservation you desire for the period of the 33d Annual National Convention, The American Legion, and return to the Assistant National Adjutant 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. These rooms are in the headquarters' hotels, the McAllester and Columbus. It is requested that you indicate your first and second choices as to price of accommodations desired, if you desire your reservation made through National Headquarters. If you wish to be housed with your own Department delegation, reservation should be requested through your Department Adjutant.

Minimum of any three consecutive days in the period October 14-18, 1951.

McALLESTER:

Singles with bath (Limited number)	\$5.00 per day
Singles with bath (Limited number)	6.00 per day
Twins with bath	9.00 per day

COLUMBUS:

Singles with bath (Limited number)	5.00 per day
Twins with bath	8.00 per day

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I will be housed with my own Department _____

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MEMBER OF _____
(Commission or Committee)

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The American Legion National Headquarters

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The National Americanism Commission Sub
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *LL*

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LL*

SUBJECT:

DATE: September 23, 1951

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Gurnea _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____



- ① I have been advised by National Headquarters of the American Legion that National Committee Meetings will be held on October 13 and 14, 1951, and the National Convention from the 15th to the 18th at Miami, Florida.

ADDENDUM:

I would recommend that Mr. Pennington be designated to attend the American Legion Convention.

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Agree

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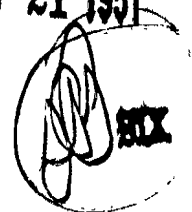
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September 6, 1951

Mr. Allen B. Willard
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion - National
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Willard:

Thank you very much for your letter dated August 29, 1951, with enclosures. It was very thoughtful of you to forward to me copies of The American Legion American Education Week leaflet, 1951.

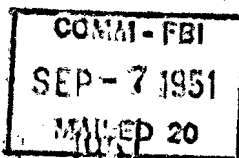
It was a pleasure to make my contribution available.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The Director submitted to Mr. Willard a letter dated 4-20-51 in which was included a statement which is set out on the enclosed leaflets. (94-1-17998-947)

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THE AMERICAN-LEGION
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Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For your information enclosed are two copies of
The American Legion AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK leaflet, 1951.

You have my personal thanks in generous measure for
contributing the very excellent paragraph covering the Monday,
November 12, "Schools and Defense" topic.

Also, I extend grateful appreciation on behalf of
our National organization, and particularly the National
Americanism Commission, for your outstanding contribution.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Allen B. Willand

ALLEN B. WILLAND, Director
National Americanism Commission

Enclosure

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General Theme:

UNITE FOR FREEDOM



ERLE COCKE, JR.
National Commander
The American Legion

Freedom is an eternal goal which has united men throughout the ages. Today freedom has been lost in many countries and the survival of the other free nations everywhere is challenged by a slave world. Our free nation is holding fast to the ideals of freedom for which our forefathers sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

Only by believing in democratic freedom, defending every educational process which teaches youth the genius of our system of government, and adhering to the single purpose of securing our liberties through a strong America, will we be prepared to defeat the aggressor which has designs against our country and our way of life.

For more than thirty years The American Legion, one of the co-founders of American Education Week, has given steadfast support to the schools of our nation. The American Legion has faith in our schools which have held to the unified objective of recognizing basic individual rights. This fundamental virtue has helped to keep us a free and united people and has made our nation the bastion of freedom to all the world, a beacon light of hope to those nations ruthlessly held in slavery by a godless dictator.

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

American Education

Week Topics

Sunday, November 11

OUR FAITH IN GOD



DAVID LEFKOWITZ, JR.
National Chaplain
The American Legion

If we and our children are to survive the diabolical threat of the Communist ideology, we must possess an equally dynamic ideal. The Communists have their weapons of war; to stop them, we must have ours. But our weapons cannot prevail unless, in the hearts of those who use them, there is a deep and an unfaltering faith in God. Lincoln stated that without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, he could not succeed, but with that assistance, he could not fail. In these fateful hours, we can have no sounder guide than this!

Monday, November 12

SCHOOLS AND DEFENSE



J. EDGAR HOOVER
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

The nation's schools are integral parts of the arsenal of democracy. They are today playing a vital role in the defense effort, training the youth of America in the skills necessary to secure victory over a deadly enemy. The concepts of justice, freedom and fair play are the sinews of the American educational system. These principles have molded the character of our people. The nation's teachers, by keeping the torch of learning burning ever more brightly, are contributing their share to the defense effort. No responsibility could be more sacred.

Tuesday, November 13

SCHOOLS KEEP US FREE



TOM C. CLARK
Justice, Supreme Court of the
United States

Schools are essential to the survival of the rights and privileges of free men. There we get our mental training that subordinates our physical impulses to the growing mind—there, by application, we may secure that knowledge we call education. And no one can take it from us!

We in America are born free. In some lands birth carries no such privilege. But unlike our once-gained education, we can lose our freedoms. History is full of examples of freedoms won, lost and dearly regained. To continue to be free, each generation must be prepared to protect the basic foundations of our liberties. The strongest bulwark—the one hope of a free world—is a well-educated people with human understanding, courage, vitality, and spiritual strength.

Yes, schools do make men free and educated minds will keep them so.

Wednesday, November 14

EDUCATION FOR THE LONG PULL



EARL J. McGRATH
U. S. Commissioner of
Education

Facing a prolonged period of international tension, the United States must marshal all of its resources, both military and nonmilitary. We must not only build combat strength and keep it at a high level, but we must also extend and strengthen the services which meet the nation's nonmilitary needs. As we develop full strength for the long pull, education stands out as one of the basic nonmilitary essentials of life which must be provided for all our children and youth. Education is the most effective weapon we have in fighting a world-wide system of propaganda and false doctrine.

Thursday, November 15

TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS



WARREN TRAVIS WHITE
President, American Association
of School Administrators

The present demands of citizenship are more exacting than they have ever been. From three to five decades ago the orbit of interests of a citizen was very small; now it is world-wide. Instead of our problems being of a local or a personal nature, they are now international in scope. Therefore, the fundamentals, including the Three R's, American history, the development of American government, and all the related areas of learning, are increasingly important. Bear in mind, too, that literacy as we now define it is all-inclusive and far-reaching, involving political, economic, and social literacies along with our traditional conception of education.

Friday, November 16

URGENT SCHOOL NEEDS



DR. CORMA A. MOWREY
President, National Education
Association

The education of our school-age population is of utmost importance, now and in the future. Efficient schools directed by qualified professional personnel, housed in adequate buildings, and provided with the necessary teaching tools for a modern program are imperatives in building national unity and strength. The urgent needs of our schools for more facilities and teachers are brought into sharp focus by the rapidly increasing school population. By 1956-57 the enrollments will be eight million higher than in 1946-47. To serve our nation and the cause of freedom effectively, public schools should be provided with the materials, manpower, and financial resources needed to meet their huge responsibilities.

Saturday, November 17

HOME—SCHOOL—COMMUNITY



MRS. JOHN E. HAYES
President, National Congress of
Parents and Teachers

There can be no outsiders in education today. From the moment the child wakes in the morning until he climbs into bed at night, he never stops learning. It is necessary, therefore, constantly to improve not only the school but also the general environment in which the child receives his education. Recognizing that the lasting defenses of this nation lie in the character and citizenship of its children—home, school, and community share as equal partners. Theirs is the responsibility for the growth of all our children toward maturity into useful, fruitful citizens able to sustain and enhance the free ways of free men.

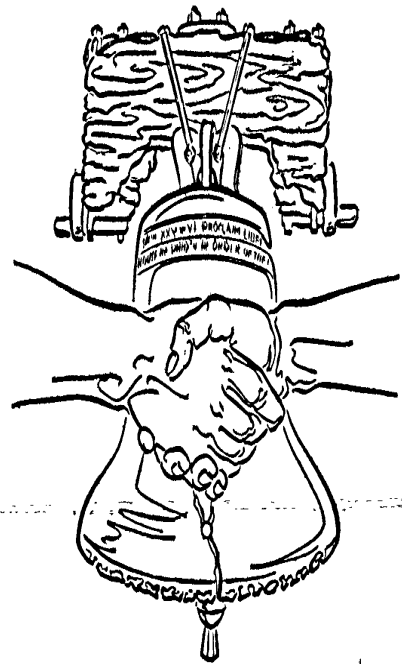
DUTIES OF POST AMERICANISM AND POST EDUCATION CHAIRMEN

- Contact local P.-T. A. presidents, school officials, teachers and other groups interested in American Education Week, November 11-17.
- Secure proclamation by mayor on observance of American Education Week.
- Work out a cooperative program with local churches, service clubs and social organizations.
- Arrange for outstanding Armistice Day program.
- Arrange for school visitations by Legion and Auxiliary members.
- Arrange with local theaters for showing of two-minute trailer available from National Education Association.
- Arrange radio programs and advertise time schedule of broadcasts.
- Arrange with local papers and business firms to carry newsworthy features and releases.
- Arrange for banquets, dinners and rallies.
- Promote attendance of "Open-House" and other scheduled "School Observance" events.
- Distribute Americanism literature.

The National Education Association, 1201 - 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., distributes pamphlets, programs, posters, stickers, etc., on American Education Week. A packet, AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PACKET, is available at a nominal cost.



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**AMERICAN
EDUCATION WEEK**

November 11-17, 1951

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The American Legion • Indianapolis 6, Indiana

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TO : Mr. Tolson *W*
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *W*
 SUBJECT:

DATE: October 5, 1951

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 I received a ^{*National*} telephone call from Karl Baarslag of the American Legion and he would very much like to have about 200 copies each of any available material on the subject of Communism. He particularly mentioned some of Mr. Hoover's talks and statements and would like if possible to have included in those sent copies of the U. S. News and World Report statements made by Mr. Hoover early this year.

He asked whether it would be possible for us to mail them to Miami as he was already loaded up with several trunk loads of material to be used in connection with the meetings of the National Americanism Commission. He stated in the event we could send this material to mail it to National Headquarters Offices, The American Legion, Bay Front Auditorium, 5th Street and Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida.—

MR KARL BAARSLAG

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*meeting
Oct 12 + 13th*
 ADDENDUM: (MAJ:mrh 10-9-51)

Sent out were:

The Underground Tactics of the Communists.
 Communist Threat in U. S. from U. S. News & World
 Unmasking the Communist Masquerader. Report.
 Dir's Statement before HCUA 3-26-47.
 Don't Be Duped by the Communists.
 God or Chaos?

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September 1951

ISSUE OF THE (Name of the pamphlet)

*Summary of Trends &
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SUBJECT

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Mr. James H. Jones
Assistant Director
National Public Relations Division
The American Legion
580 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

G.I.R.-5

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you very much for your note
of October 8, 1951, and the enclosed series
of ~~scripts~~ for the ~~programs~~ broadcasted by
The American Legion.

I have reviewed them with interest
and I deeply appreciate your sending me copies.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

580 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Hoover:-

DATE 10/8/51

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Laughlin

Mr. Mohr

Tele. Room

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover: am enclosing for you
Permanent files a series of scripts that
The American Legion broadcast on
NBC last February. Thought you
might find them interesting.

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James H. Jones
Assistant Director

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

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530 Fifth Avenue
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Sincerely,
/s/ James H. Jones
Assistant Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

FROM : D. M. Ladd

October 17, 1951

SUBJECT:

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION, -
Miami, Florida

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Pennington advises me that copies of the attached card were placed on the seat of each of the 3,000 delegates at the American Legion convention, and are otherwise being passed out there. He states they were apparently put out by Richard Kaplan of the Gary, Indiana Post of the American Legion.

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TEN "DONT'S" by J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(As appeared in NEWSWEEK for June, 1950)

We can successfully defeat the Communist attempt to capture the United States by fighting it with truth and justice, implemented with a few "dont's":

1. DON'T let Communists in your organization or Labor Union out-work, out-vote or out-number you.
2. DON'T be hoodwinked by Communist propaganda that says one thing but means destruction of the American Way of Life. Expose it with the truth.
3. DON'T give aid and comfort to the Communist cause by joining front organizations, contributing to their campaign chests or championing their cause in any way, shape or form.
4. DON'T let Communists infiltrate into our schools, churches and moulders of public opinion, the press, radio and screen.
5. DON'T label anyone as a Communist unless you have the facts.
6. DON'T confuse liberals and progressives with Communists.
7. DON'T take the law into your own hands. If Communists violate the law, report such facts to your law enforcement agency.
8. DON'T be a party to the violation of the civil rights of anyone. When this is done, you are playing directly into the hands of the Communists.
9. DON'T let up the fight against real Fascists, the KKK and other dangerous groups.
10. DON'T fail to make Democracy work with equal opportunity and the fullest enjoyment of every American's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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FIRST DISTRICT

Department of Indiana

American Legion

HARRY BOWMAN

Commander



RICHARD S. KAPLAN

Chairman

Un-American Activities Comm.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *[Signature]*
FROM : L. R. Pennington

DATE: October 31, 1951

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL

② I received a request today from National Headquarters of the American Legion that I phone Mr. Robert McCurdy at Sycamore 2-6161, Pasadena, California, who is in charge of the arrangements for the Tournament of Roses to be held at Pasadena January 1, 1952. I called Mr. McCurdy who advised that he is quite anxious for Mr. Hoover to be the Grand Marshal of the Tournament this year. He stated that ex-President Hoover and General Bradley have both acted in that capacity and suggested if Mr. Hoover was possibly interested he could certainly get full details from General Bradley. He further stated that the National Broadcasting Company is paying \$500,000 for television rights this year and in addition the parade will be televised through the use of co-axial cables now in use. It was estimated that 75,000,000 people will see parts of the Tournament this year. The Grand Marshal gets all of his expenses paid and meets the most prominent people. This is the 65th year of the Tournament and those in charge anticipate approximately 1,500,000 alone will see the parade. He stated that in the event Mr. Hoover accepts and he certainly hopes that he will, that they will have plenty of entertainment for him. They particularly want him to go to the kickoff luncheon at which will be present most of the prominent sports and big coaches, go to the ball and ride in the parade. Mr. McCurdy stated that they would like him to get there on the 27th if possible. If not the 28th or 29th of December would give him plenty of time to participate in the various activities.

In the event the Director can see his way clear to accept the formal invitation for him to participate as Grand Marshal will be immediately forthcoming.

For your information Mr. McCurdy and I served in the same regiment in World War I.

Whatever the Director's decision is, I am to phone Mr. McCurdy and inform him.

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Mr. McCurdy informed impossible for
Director to serve. Hopes
Mr. Hoover will be able to
participate in some subsequent
year.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 9, 1951
Havana, Cuba

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana

SUBJECT: ERLE ~~COCKE~~, Jr.
National Commander American Legion *NATIONAL*

This is to furnish a clipping of the Havana POST, October 9, 1951 relative to the arrival of Mr. ERLE COCKE, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion in Havana on October 8, 1951.

According to this press item he was accompanied by Mrs. WILLIS C. NEED, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

This is being forwarded as of possible interest.

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Legion Head Arrives In Havana

Cocke to Visit Prio; Blasts Communism

Erle Cocke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion, and Mrs. Willis C. Reed National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, arrived in Havana yesterday for a brief visit. They will pay a courtesy call on President Prio today. In an address to the Cuban people yesterday, Cocke praised Prio for his measures against the Communists.

Commander Cocke and Mrs. Reed will lay a wreath on the tomb of Jose Marti, Cuban national hero today, as a token of admiration from the four million members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary.

Cocke, who was born in Dawson, Georgia, May 10, 1921, and was educated at the University of Georgia, is the youngest commander the Legion has ever had. Despite his youth, however, he had a spectacular military career in the Second World War.

During his experiences as an infantry officer he was stabbed by a Gestapo agent, shot by a woman sniper, wounded in the head by a stray bullet and finally was "executed" by the Nazis in 1945 but lived to tell the story.

Cocke was lined up by his German captors before a firing squad and mowed down with machine guns. He had been made a prisoner of war three times but had managed to escape on the first two occasions. During his second escape, he was responsible for the capture by the French of 592 German soldiers. When the Germans captured him for the third time, they decided promptly to put an end for all time to his escapades. A firing squad riddled Cocke in the stomach and lung. A Nazi officer gave him the coup de grace with a pistol shot in the back. But Cocke was a tough soldier. He refused to die. Villagers who returned hours after the shooting found Cocke still

LEGION COMMANDER VISITS CUBA



ERLE COCKE, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion, who arrived in Havana yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Willis Reed, National President of the Legion Auxiliary, for a courtesy visit to President Prio.

alive. They hid and nursed him for 48 hours until allied troops reached the area. Cocke spent the next 14 months in 27 different hospitals, underwent 17 operations, made an amazing recovery.

For his extraordinary gallantry in action with Major General A. A. (Nuts) McAuliffe's forces, Cocke, then a Captain, was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with three clusters, the Bronze Star with clusters, the

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French Croix-de-Guerre, and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross on the field of battle. He also holds other decorations and citations. He returned from active service with the rank of major.

The text of Commander Cocke's greeting and message to the people of Cuba follows:

"MY ADMIRABLE CUBAN FRIENDS:

"This visit to your romantic Island Republic, during which I shall have the honor of calling upon your most able and courageous President Prio, provides one of the most impressive occasions during my term as National Commander of The American Legion.

"With Mrs. Willis C. Reed, national president of The American Legion Auxiliary, I am happy and proud to extend to you the most sincere greetings of the four million members of our two organizations.

"On behalf of The American Legion and its Auxiliary, Mrs. Reed and I wish to congratulate President Prio for his fearless get-tough policy in combating the Communist enemies in your midst as our largest veterans' organization in the world is fighting this malignant menace in your neighboring Republic of the United States of America.

"In addition to our visit to your President we shall take pride in paying tribute to the George Washington of your Republic, the illustrious Apostol of Cuba, Jose Marti, by placing a wreath upon his tomb in your beautiful Central Park here in Havana.

"We of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are ardent admirers of this great Liberator, of whose life I have read with such admiration that I can well understand why most Cubans recognize him as 'the man responsible for Cuba's liberty.' The spirit of Cuba as exemplified in this sterling patriot, played a great part in bringing our two republics—Cuba and the United States—so close together, in war and in peace.

"Just as we fought together in 1898 against an oppressor, so are we fighting today a common enemy, and a much deadlier one—

Communism. Jose Marti died that Cuba might live. So today many more of our fighters are dying that the World may live!

"No alone are we fighting this scourge abroad, but we must be ever vigilant to crush Communism in our midst.

"I have recently visited the Korean front and have had the privilege of seeing first hand the type of enemy we are facing there. On a round-the-world flight I also have visited 38 other countries, as well as every one of the 48 United States and the District of Columbia, and I know how deadly this enemy is seeking to infiltrate in every corner of the globe.

"American communists are American traitors.

"And Cuban communists are Cuban traitors!

"There is not room in your gallant Republic for both loyal Cuban and communists.

"We of America salute your nation and your President for your determination to crush this new enemy of your independence!

"As you know, The American Legion will be holding its 33rd national convention in Greater Miami next week, from October 15 through October 18. Dr. Luis Machado, Cuba's very capable ambassador to the United States, will address our convention on its opening day, next Monday. We are honored to have such a distinguished guest from your great Republic, and we trust that many American Legionnaires will accept his invitation to visit your beautiful country.

"It is our hope, too, that many residents of Cuba will visit us during our convention and often thereafter.

"Thus the bonds of our friend-

ship will be tied even more closely, that Cuba and the United States may be linked together forevermore in the common cause of liberty.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*

DATE: October 25, 1951

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

While at the National Convention of the American Legion, Miami, Florida, I talked to Roscoe ~~Turner~~ who is the National Chairman of the Aeronautics Committee of the American Legion. He is also president of the Turner Aeronautical Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Turner advised that he had been delighted to be introduced to the Director at Harveys and wished that I would express to Mr. Hoover his best regards.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *pl*

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

DATE: October 24, 1951

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Mr. Carson ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
 Mr. Gurnea ✓
 Mr. Harbo ✓
 Mr. Mohr ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
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 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Holmes ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

Several hundred of the Director's addresses and articles which have appeared in magazines were sent to Miami, Florida, and used at the National Convention of the American Legion. These were distributed both at National Headquarters and likewise at a desk in the auditorium where the National Convention was held. At National Headquarters we arranged a large display on a blackboard containing various pamphlets published by the Legion and likewise several of those sent down from the Bureau. At the top of the board we had the article published in the U. S. News and World Report of March 30, 1951, which contained the Director's photograph. I very carefully watched those desiring various pamphlets and the supply of the U. S. News and World Report appeared to be the most popular and was exhausted long before the other publications available for Legionnaires.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *sl*

DATE: October 31, 1951

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

American Legion National

While at Indianapolis on October 30, 1951, I secured a copy of the complete resolution commending the FBI at the National Convention at Miami, Florida, copies of which are attached hereto.

You will recall that three resolutions were submitted commending the Bureau having been received from Illinois, Oregon and Idaho. Due to the fact that they were all similar in content the phraseology of the Illinois resolution was placed before the convention for approval.

I talked to Donald Wilson, the new National Commander, for a few minutes and he wanted Mr. Hoover to know how deeply he appreciated the letter he received after his election. He apologized for not answering it sooner but stated he has been jumping all around the country since the convention and just got back to Indianapolis and is trying to get caught up on his correspondence.

The National Adjutant Henry Dudley informed me that the Annual Conference of the Department Commanders and Adjutants will be held at Indianapolis on November 14, 15 and 16, 1951. You will recall I have annually attended these meetings ever since we inaugurated the FBI American Legion Cooperation Program.

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tives in Ohio openly attack
in the official journal.

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Resolution No. 270 (Illinois)

Subject Commend J. Edgar Hoover and Federal Bureau of
Investigation

COMMENDATION AND CONFIDENCE IN J. EDGAR HOOVER
AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, Subversive groups and individuals continue to publish disparaging and vicious reports concerning J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and have condemned the F.B.I. for its efforts in uncovering subversive agencies, and have demanded reprisals against Mr. Hoover; and

WHEREAS, We of The American Legion know the said assertions are false and without foundation being presented to create bias and prejudice against the F.B.I. thereby placing obstacles in the proper discharge of its labors; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby again express and give a vote of confidence and approval to J. Edgar Hoover, and to his co-workers The Federal Bureau of Investigation under his guidance, for their successful efforts in exposing and suppressing subversive individuals and agencies seeking to undermine and destroy our form of government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue their highly commendable efforts, in the public interest, of ferreting out those individuals and groups who are advancing and urging Communistic ideologies.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, Miami

Attention: Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
Miami, Florida
October 15-18, 1951

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
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Miss Gandy

There is attached hereto a copy of the resolving clauses of all resolutions approved by the convention on the Americanism Committee's convention activities. You will note that the one pertaining to the Bureau is on page 1 of the summary.

There is also attached hereto a flyer which was placed on each delegate's chair at the beginning of the convention as well as distributed to other Legionnaires during the course of the convention.

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Miami letter 10-17-51

Re: American Legion Convention
Miami, Florida
October 15-18, 1951

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CAUTION: Not to be released until adopted by National Convention.

~~X~~ REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
AMERICANISM

To the Thirty-third Annual National Convention, of The American Legion, Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951.

Thirty-six (36) members of your Committee on Americanism met at 4:00 (P.M.), October 14, 1951, in Committee Room 912 in the Vocational High School and agreed on the following report which is respectfully submitted for your consideration:

The Committee proceeded to organize by electing Archie M. Closson, California, as Chairman, and Ruth Heib, Wisconsin, as Secretary. The Chairman completed the organization by appointing the following subcommittee chairmen: Douglass D. Getchell, Illinois, Chairman, Subcommittee on Communism and Loyalty; Joseph Starnes, Alabama, Chairman, Subcommittee on Education; Joseph Woolfson, Connecticut, Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization; Frank P. Lynch, Colorado, Chairman, Subcommittee on Youth Activities.

Resolutions 270 (Illinois)--Commend J. Edgar Hoover and Federal Bureau of Investigation, 449 (Idaho)--Commend F.B.I. and Its Director, and 479 (Oregon)--Commend F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover, were consolidated, using the phraseology of Resolution No. 270, resolving clause of which is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1951, that we do hereby again express and give a vote of confidence and approval to J. Edgar Hoover and to his co-workers The Federal Bureau of Investigation under his guidance, for their successful efforts in exposing and suppressing subversive individuals and agencies seeking to undermine and destroy our form of government; and

Be it further resolved, that J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue their highly commendable efforts, in the public interest, of ferreting out those individuals and groups who are advancing and urging Communistic ideologies.

Resolution No. 63 (South Dakota)--Repeal All Laws or Parts of Laws Discriminating Against Indians, and Resolution No. 64 (South Dakota)--Competent Indians be Released from All Federal Control and Supervision were consolidated and adopted, using the phraseology of Resolution No. 63, the resolving clause of which is as follows:

Therefore, Be It Resolved that The American Legion, in National Convention assembled in Miami, Fla., October 15-18, 1951, do urge repeal of Section 241, Title 25, USCA, known as the Indian Liquor Law, and all laws or parts of laws in respect thereto which would treat an Indian any differently than any other citizen of the United States.

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Resolutions Nos. 2 (Arizona)--Communist Front Supporters in the Entertainment World, 14 (Colorado)--Communists, Fellow Travelers and Marxian Sympathizers in Entertainment Industry, and 253 (Illinois)--Communism in the Entertainment World, were consolidated, using the wordage of No. 253, with the file number of Resolution No. 2, the language of the resolving clause of which is as follows:

Be it resolved by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that The American Legion urge all Posts, in the interest of national security, to refuse to support such individuals and the productions in which they have a part, and that the officers of such Posts shall use all available documental means to properly inform the membership of the activities of such individuals, and

Be it further resolved that the Posts make public the intention of The American Legion to condemn, expose and combat such individuals wherever and whenever possible, and to take every necessary step to develop a greater awareness of the problems in the consciousness of those to whom such entertainment is afforded, and

Be it further resolved, that The American Legion inform the motion picture, stage, radio and television industries, producers, exhibitors and sponsors of the intention of The American Legion to relentlessly attack these individuals, and that all possible means will be employed to inform the public of the activities of these individuals who by their support of Communist front organizations have, in effect, given comfort and support to a conspiracy and an ideology which constitutes the greatest threat to the peace and security of the communities, the states, the nation, and of the world of today, and

Be it finally resolved That the National Americanism Commission through the medium of The American Legion Magazine, because of its circulation, make known the names of such artists, and the names of the pictures, radio and television programs, and such other productions that contribute financially to their support.

Resolutions Nos. 116 (Mississippi)--Urge Legislation to Define Communist Party, 185 (West Virginia)--Abolish the Communist Party in the United States, and 421 (South Carolina)--Outlaw the Communist Party, were consolidated, using the Register No. 116 and the phraseology of Resolution No. 421, resolving clause of which is as follows:

Be it resolved by the Annual National Convention of The American Legion assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, A.D. that The American Legion as an organization and all loyal Legionnaires and all loyal Americans recommend the enactment of legislation to effect the outlawing of the Communist Party and similar organizations in the United States, and that we pledge assistance to the Attorney General of the United States to help bring those guilty of attempting or advocating the overthrow of the American Government to a speedy trial.

Resolution No. 97 (Maryland)--Communism Among Officers of Armed Forces, and Resolution No. 634 (National Americanism Commission)--Revoke Commission of Reserve

Officers Who Refuse to Testify on Grounds of Self-Incrimination, were consolidated, using the phraseology of Resolution No. 97, the resolving clause of which is as follows:

Now Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion, in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, this 17th day of October, 1951, that the President of the United States of America, and its Department of Defense take such steps as will insure the immediate revocation of the commission or appointment of such personnel who refuse testimony in such circumstances on the ground of possible self-incrimination.

Resolution No. 257 (Illinois)--Intensify Opposition to Communism, and Resolution No. 512 (Minnesota)--Intensify our Defense Against Communism, were consolidated, using the text of Resolution No. 257, the resolving portion of which is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby continue to urge a vigorous Americanism Program against Communism by intensifying our efforts to:

1. Educate the American people as to the dangers of Communism and its wicked designs.
2. Avoid falling into the Red trap of recklessly placing a label of Communist on decent and patriotic anti-Communist citizens and organizations.
3. Strengthen our democratic processes through encouraging universal recognition of the responsibilities of citizenship.
4. Practice the true principles of Americanism by seeing to it that all Americans, regardless of race, creed or ancestry, enjoy equal opportunity and the freedoms of the Bill of Rights which are the life blood of our Republic.

Resolutions No. 258 (Illinois)--Protection of all Religious Liberties, No. 539 (Minnesota)--Religious Persecutions of Free Peoples of the World by Communists, and No. 572 (California)--Condemnation of Communism's Persecution of Religious Freedom, were consolidated, using the register No. of Resolution No. 258 and the text of No. 572, the resolving clause of which is as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that The American Legion continue in the fight against Communism everywhere by defending the right of every individual to choose and practice his own religion; and at the same time request our government and the United Nations to condemn Communist governments for their persecution of these freedoms.

Resolutions No. 3 (Arizona)--Support House Committee on Un-American Activities, and No. 268 (Illinois)--Continue Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives, were consolidated, using the register number 3 and the phraseology of Resolution No. 268 as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby commend the

Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives and we do urge and demand that the House of Representatives continue the Un-American Activities Committee and that sufficient appropriations be provided for its work; and

Be it further resolved, that the membership of The American Legion be acquainted with the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee by the National Americanism Commission, and thereby be better equipped to meet its critics.

Resolution No. 256 (Illinois)--Urge Everyone to Register and Vote, and Resolution No. 541 (Texas)--All Legionnaires and Their Families vote and Support Public Officials of Integrity and Good Morals, were consolidated, using the register, title, and resolving clause of No. 256 as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that the National Americanism Commission initiate a publicity campaign calling upon the citizenry to register and vote in all primaries or elections, thereby assisting in the carrying out of an important civic duty to the Republic.

The Committee makes this comment and recommendation: That the work be done at Post level; no additional amount is recommended for expenditure by the National Americanism Commission in this work.

Resolution No. 62 (South Dakota)--November 11 be Designated "Veterans Day" For All Wars, and Resolution No. 372 (New York)--Day to Commemorate Services of Men and Women of World War II, were consolidated, using the number and text of Resolution No. 62, resolving clause of which is as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by The American Legion, that November 11th be designated and set aside in each year as a day in honor of the veterans of all wars and that such day be designated as "Veterans Day" and recommend that appropriate services be held on such day in honor of the veterans of all wars.

Be it further resolved that The American Legion take such steps as may be necessary to have November 11th designated by the National Congress as "Veterans Day."

Resolution No. 573 (California)--U. S. Flag be Flown for All Meetings and Holidays, and Resolution No. 580 (California)--Flying of the National Colors, were consolidated, using the register number 573 and the text of Resolution No. 580, the resolving clause of which is as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that we go on record as again calling attention to the fact that the Stars and Stripes is and should be the only Flag to represent the United States and should be so honored to the exclusion of any and all other Flags, and

Be it further resolved that we wholeheartedly oppose the raising of the United Nations Flag or of any other Flag, but our Stars and Stripes over the schools and public buildings in our Country or its territorial possessions, and that the use of the United Nations Flags be restricted solely for United Nations occasions and places

and not allowed under any circumstances to supplant in any manner the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America.

Resolutions No. 260 (Illinois)--Support Teaching Profession in Educating Youth on Dangers of Communism, No. 265 (Illinois)--Defend Public School System Against Unjust Attacks, No. 271 (Illinois)--Commend Teaching Profession for its Support of Legion's Americanism Program, and No. 450 (Idaho)--Unconstructive and Unjust Criticism of Schools and Teachers, were consolidated, using the register number of 260 and the text of Resolution No. 271, resolving clause of which is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby commend the members of the American teaching profession, their organizations, the National Education Association and its various State affiliates, for their hearty support of the Americanism program of The American Legion; and

Be it further resolved, that the various departments circulate this resolution among the public, private and parochial school groups for attention of the teaching profession.

Resolution No. 157 (Pennsylvania)--Fostering of Racial, Religious or Class Strife is Un-American, Resolution No. 160 (Pennsylvania)--Abolish Discriminations of Race or Religion in Educational Institutions, and Resolution No. 269 (Illinois)--Definite Action be Taken to Carry out Legion Mandates on Tolerance, were consolidated and adopted by using the register number of the Resolution No. 157 (Pennsylvania) and the phraseology of Resolution No. 269 (Illinois) as amended, the resolution now reading:

Resolved that The American Legion in National Convention assembled reiterate its stand taken for many years on the subject of Tolerance, emphasizing the need for understanding among all our people; and

Be it further resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that the National Americanism Commission be commended for its program on Americanism Appreciation.

Resolution No. 103 (Mexico)--Nationality Act of 1940 be Amended, Resolution No. 362 (France)--Nationality Act of 1940 Amendment Regarding World War II Naturalized Veterans, Resolution No. 393, (Philippines)--Veterans Who Acquired Citizenship by Virtue of Service in U. S. Armed Forces in World War II but Continue to Reside Abroad, and Resolution No. 448 (Havana Post No. 1, Havana, Cuba)--Nationality Act of 1940 Amendment Regarding World War II Naturalized Veterans, were consolidated, using the preambles of Resolution No. 103 and a rewritten resolving clause, the entire resolution now reading:

Whereas, a naturalized American citizen who returns to his country of origin, not sent there by an American company, and who remains there three years, by virtue of the Nationality Act of 1940 loses his American citizenship, and

Whereas, a naturalized American citizen who becomes a resident of a foreign

country other than that of his origin, not having been sent to such foreign country by an American company, and who remains there for five years, by virtue of the Nationality Act of 1940 loses his American citizenship, and

Whereas, said Nationality Act of 1940 exempts veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I from the provisions of said Act in the above respects, and

Whereas, in view of this policy no reason exists for discriminating against veterans of World War II in this connection and not extending to them the same exemption granted veterans of the above-mentioned two Wars,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by The American Legion assembled in National Convention in Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that the Immigration and Nationality Laws be amended to provide that veterans who have acquired American Citizenship by naturalization shall not lose their American nationality by reason of residence in other countries, and: that protection of loss of United States Nationality because of residence in countries other than United States be extended to World War II veterans who have been naturalized, and, that: Naturalized members of the United States Armed Forces who entered such forces after June 26, 1950, shall not lose United States Nationality because of residence in countries other than the United States, and: that such protection be extended to former members of the Philippine Scouts.

Resolution No. 98 (Maryland)--Observation of September 17 as Constitution Day, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Whereas, the President of the United States has the authority to proclaim September 17th of every year to be Constitution Day,

Now therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, this 18th day of October, 1951, that it recommends that September 17th of every year be declared to be Constitution Day by the President of the United States of America, and that Constitution Day be observed by meetings of civic or church organizations, school exercises, pilgrimages to historical spots, and radio or television programs, for the purpose of focusing direct attention, on the National level, to the continuing struggle Americans have made both to preserve the precious freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, and to maintain throughout the years the rights and privileges, duties and obligations of American citizenship thereunder.

Resolution No. 237 (Alabama)--"Key to Peace" Be Placed in Library of Each High School in the U. S. and Its Possessions, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Be it resolved by The American Legion, in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that the National Headquarters of The American Legion be directed to recommend to the Posts of The American Legion that a copy of THE KEY TO PEACE be placed in the library of each High School in the United States and its possessions.

Resolution No. 251 (Illinois)--American History be a Required Subject in Col-

leges and Universities, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that The American Legion urge it upon the universities and colleges to make the subject of American History a required subject for either entrance or graduation or both.

Resolution No. 252 (Illinois)--Commend Press, Radio and Television for Promotion of Americanism Program, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby express our grateful thanks to the press, radio and television for their fine endeavors in giving publicity to the Americanism Program of The American Legion.

Resolution No. 255 (Illinois)--Educational Program on Flag Etiquette, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clauses of the resolution are as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that the National Americanism Commission institute an educational program outlining provisions of Public Law 829 - 77th Congress; that a program of salute to the flag be instituted together with instructions in its correct use and display, and also that the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America be given daily in all elementary schools of the nation; and

Be it further resolved, places of business and industry be urged to daily display the flag of the United States of America; and

Be it further resolved, that individuals assume a greater awareness of the meaning of the flag of our country and the freedoms for which it stands, and bend every effort to display the flag at their homes, particularly on all legal and patriotic holidays and days of significance.

Resolution No. 262 (Illinois)--Commend National Education Association and Affiliates for Barring Communists, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby commend the teachers of America, The National Education Association and its affiliates for their loyal and patriotic action in barring Communists and other subversives from their membership.

Resolution No. 263 (Illinois)--Aid in the Rehabilitation of Former Communists, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Whereas, it has been fairly well established that the Communist Party and its secret sympathizers and supporters are waging a well organized and relentless campaign to destroy the creditability as witnesses and informants of these reformed

Communist Party members,

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby commend those reformed communists for their public service in ferreting out and ridding the nation of communist conspirators; and

Be it further resolved, that we urge it upon our citizens to do all things and make every effort to aid all reformed communists seeking to be rehabilitated in order to encourage other Communists to do likewise.

Resolution No. 266 (Illinois)--Loyalty Commission Greatly Increase its Efforts, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that The American Legion urge it upon the President of the United States and the chairman of the Loyalty Commission and his associates to greatly increase their efforts in this important work of the Loyalty Commission.

Resolution No. 267 (Illinois)--Deportation of Harry Bridges, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we continue to urge the deportation of HARRY BRIDGES.

Resolution No. 297 (Illinois)--Heartfelt Sympathy Over Irreparable Loss of William Randolph Hearst, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy over the irreparable loss of an old and trusted friend - a devoted and loyal co-worker, whose distinguished service to his beloved country exemplified the same hopes, the same aspirations for his beloved country that only loyal Americans possess.

Resolution No. 368 (Illinois)--Commend General Eisenhower For His Application of Americanism Concepts in Europe, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that we do hereby commend General Dwight Eisenhower for the successful application of Americanism concepts and principles in his European labors to defend and protect the American way of life against the Russian totalitarian system of World enslavement.

Resolution No. 371 (New York)--Circulation of Communistic Propaganda Through Mails, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Resolved, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled, that we call

those individuals and organizations circulating books, pamphlets, leaflets and all other communistic propaganda, deemed to be seditious by the Postmaster General under the Post Office Laws and Regulations. This request specifically includes the U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin and similar anti-American publications put out by other satellites or Iron Curtain countries.

Resolution No. 373 (New York)--U. S. Citizens Employed by United Nations Must Conform to our Loyalty Standards, was adopted as amended: The resolution now reads:

Resolved By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that we urge our ambassador and our representatives to the United Nations that they exert their influence to prevent the employment by the United Nations of United States citizens whose loyalty to the United States has been questioned.

Resolution No. 394 (Philippines)--Children of an Alien Wife by a Previous Liaison be Admitted on Non-Quota Basis if Adopted by The American Serviceman-Husband, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Be it therefore resolved, as it is resolved by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, as follows:

1. That the applicable provision of Immigration Law No. 204 be amended to provide that any child under the age of 21 years of the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is an American citizen, where such marriage occurred while the said American citizen was in the service of the armed forces of the United States, and where said child was legally adopted by said American citizen in accordance with the laws of the nation of which the said child was a citizen, should be admitted to the United States as a non-quota immigrant upon application of the said American citizen, provided that other provision and prohibitions of the U. S. laws are adhered to.

2. That action be taken by the Legislative Commission of The American Legion to cause an amendment to the Immigration Law whereby the foregoing amendment will be accomplished.

Resolution No. 405 (Illinois)--Meetings of Methodist Federation for Social Action in Churches Deplored, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Be it resolved, by The American Legion in Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951, that The American Legion deplores the permission granted for this group to hold meetings in churches dedicated to the worship of God, as another means to infiltrate under the guise of a religious group, and opposes the use of religion as a cloak for activities inimical to our American Way of Life.

Resolution No. 428 (Georgia)--American Legion Marksmanship Training Course, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Be it resolved by The American Legion, assembled in the Thirty-Third Annual

juniors be strongly urged to avail themselves of The American Legion Marksmanship training course for recreation and safety and National Defense.

Resolution No. 464 (New Mexico)--Commemorative Stamp for 175th Birthday of the U. S. Flag, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Resolved, that The American Legion, through its National Organization, urge the Congress and the Post Office Department to strongly consider the issuance, on June 14, 1952, of a postage stamp, preferably in color, to depict and commemorate the Flag of the United States on its 175th birthday, even at the expense of the remaining stamp program for that year; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution be considered and acted upon at the National Convention of The American Legion, assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1951.

Resolution No. 471 (North Dakota)--Indian Liquor Law be Repealed, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion, convened in its 33rd Annual National Convention at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that Congress erase the Indian liquor law from the statutes of the United States.

Resolution No. 480 (Oregon)--Commend Karl Baarslag and "Summary of Trends and Developments", was adopted as submitted. The resolving clauses of the resolution are as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, that The American Legion express its heartfelt appreciation for the magnificent efforts of Legionnaire Karl Baarslag in the compiling, editing and distributing of the "Summary of Trends and Developments" and his untiring devotion to the cause of and the principles found in the preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

Be it further resolved by The American Legion in Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 14-18, 1951, that the National Americanism Commission be urged to give continuing and further support to the subversive activities section and specialist, Karl Baarslag, in the continuing of this most worth-while Legion publication.

Resolution No. 482 (Oregon)--Commend Organized Labor for Campaign Against Communism, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now therefore be it resolved by The American Legion in Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, do hereby express its commendation and congratulation to those leaders and members of those units and branches of American organized labor who have in the past and are presently conducting an aggressive and forthright campaign to rid their organizations of subversive's that would prevent American organized labor in fulfilling its essential role along with other major segments of our nation to defeat criminal communism and its bloody threat to all freedom and liberty-loving people.

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Resolution No. 571 (California)--Continued Support "Crusade For Freedom", was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, does hereby endorse the principles embodied in the program and recommend the active support of the movement.

Resolution No. 574 (California)--National Anthem, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to pass suitable legislation to protect this great hymn of freedom from any change or alteration of either word, tempo or musical note and to provide proper penalties for anyone who so desecrates our National Anthem.

Resolution No. 575 (California)--Memorial Day Participation with Slogan, was adopted as amended. The resolution now reads:

Be it resolved by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that we adopt as our motto for Memorial Day each year the following slogan: "I'll March Memorial Day for A Buddy Who Can't!"

Resolution No. 576 (California)--Improving Loyalty Oaths and the Screening Statutes, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clauses of the resolution are as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that we go on record as denying the rights of any person to federal employment who believes in the overthrow of the government of the United States by any means whatever, and

Be it further resolved that the National Legislative Committee do all in its power to cause the elimination of this qualifying provision from all loyalty oaths and all statutes governing the screening of public employees and officers.

Resolution No. 578 (California)--Moral Rearmament - Study and Report, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Therefore be it resolved by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that a study be made of the work accomplished by MRA, by the Americanism Commission of The American Legion and that if an affirmative report is rendered the National Commander will commend this report to the attention of all Post Commanders that each Post may be encouraged to co-operate with and support the aims of Moral Re-Armament.

Resolution No. 579 (California)--Repeal Alternative Oath for Citizenship, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that this alternative oath be repealed and that there be only one kind of citizen in this country and that everyone be subject to the same laws.

Resolution No. 581 (California)--Rededication to Americanism, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clauses of the resolution are as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that we again declare our undying allegiance to the faith of our fathers, the faith that founded a nation of free individuals, creating and employing the powers of government only to make their freedom the more secure, a nation in legend and in fact the last great hope of a theretofore enslaved and bewildered humanity;

Be it further resolved, That we propose to see to it that this last great hope of men be not lost either to enemies invading from without, or to traitors corrupting from within; that this Government of free men, by free men, and for the freedom of men, shall not be lost either to those who would become tyrants for their own selfish interests or to those whose gullibility makes them the easy prey of fascist or communistic totalitarianisms; and

Be it further resolved, That when we go forth from here we go to warn all those who believe in Americanism that in this hour of national peril, the time is later than we think; that their defense of the way of life they love must be prompt, thorough, united and militant; that we, defending this Nation in its maturity, ~~pledge as did those defending it in its infancy, our lives, our fortunes, and our~~ sacred honor.

Be it further highly resolved, That we recognize the time of the battle as now, and the place of the battle as here; that our zeal for the cause of Americanism shall be unmatched in degree by the fanaticism of its enemies, and that the ultimate victory shall certainly be ours, for God and Country.

Resolution No. 635 (National Americanism Commission)--Appreciation to Coca-Cola Company for Providing Medals for Marksmanship Program, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion does hereby express its appreciation to the Coca-Cola Company and directs that the Director of the Commission send a copy of this resolution to the President of the Coca-Cola Company.

Resolution No. 636 (National Americanism Commission)--Joint Program for Our Youth by The American Legion, the Boy Scouts of America, and National Education Association and the All-American Conference, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now therefore be it resolved that The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, hereby directs and authorizes the Director of the National Americanism Commission to confer with the national

authorities of the Boy Scouts of America, the National Education Association, and the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, with the end of working out a joint program with all necessary instructional materials, including visual aids, booklets, diagrams, and records for use by Boy Scout Troops, Legion Posts, and schools for teaching an appreciation of our capitalistic system and its benefits..

Resolution No. 637 (National Americanism Commission)--Sponsor and Distribute the Booklet "How to Shoot a Rifle", was adopted as submitted. The resolving clauses of the resolution are as follows:

Now therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion hereby commends the booklet issued by the National Rifle Association entitled, "How to Shoot a Rifle," for use by the public schools and American Legion Posts of the United States as a textbook in teaching our youth Marksmanship.

Be it further resolved that the Director of the National Americanism Commission is authorized to make co-operative arrangements with the National Rifle Association for the distribution of a copy of this pamphlet (with an indication of American Legion sponsorship affixed thereto) to every American Legion Post and every school library in the United States.

Resolution No. 638 (National Americanism Commission)--Illegal Entry of Aliens in the United States, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Be it resolved that The American Legion in Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, inclusive, approves the Congressional measures with the proposed amendment and urges the Senate and House Committees considering the bills give immediate and favorable action to the proposed bills.

Resolution No. 639 (National Americanism Commission)--Resolution of Support of Internal Security Act of 1950, 81st Congress, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clauses of the resolution are as follows:

Therefore be it resolved: That The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, supports the principles and objectives of the Internal Security Act of 1950, and,

Be it further resolved: That sufficient additional personnel and supplementary funds be assigned and allocated, by the Congress of the United States, to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States so as to permit adequate enforcement of those provisions of the laws designating the Immigration and Naturalization Service as the enforcement agent, and,

Be it further resolved that this resolution be referred through usual channels and be presented to the present National Legion Convention for action.

Resolution No. 641 (National Americanism Commission)--A Distinctive Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship Insignia to be Worn on Legion Cap and Uniform, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that a distinctive insignia is hereby authorized for The American Legion Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship program. The insignia shall be approximately one inch in diameter, using a reproduction of a bullseye on a blue background, and so that individual qualifications can be readily recognized a blue circle in the insignia would designate a Marksman, a white circle a Sharpshooter, and a red circle an Expert. Crossed rifles superimposed upon the insignia shall be used for Rifle Marksmanship and crossed pistols superimposed upon the insignia shall designate Pistol Marksmanship.

Resolution No. 644 (National Americanism Commission)--Restrictions for Aliens Who Come to the United Nations as Alleged Bone Fide Representatives, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Be it resolved, that The American Legion in Convention assembled in the City of Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, inclusive, urges that the Congress immediately give consideration to the passage of the necessary resolution in order that the headquarters area may be defined and restricted, provided that the rights, privileges, and immunities of the several subdivisions of the states and United States should not be abridged.

Resolution No. 645 (National Americanism Commission)--Presidential Proclamation Designating November 1951 as Americanism Appreciation Month, was adopted as submitted. The resolving clause of the resolution is as follows:

Now therefore be it resolved, by The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 15-18, 1951, that the National Legislative Commission of The American Legion urge Congress to secure a Presidential proclamation setting aside the month of November, 1951, as Americanism Appreciation Month.

Respectfully submitted,

Archio M. Closson, California

Ruth Hoib, Wisconsin
Secretary

October 19, 1951

Honorable Donald R. Wilson
Union Bank Building
Clarksburg, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Wilson:

I want to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations on your election as National Commander of The American Legion. Your many years of service in this organization have given you a great deal of experience which will be of value during the coming year in directing the activities of this outstanding group.

We of the FBI are indeed grateful to the members of the Legion for the excellent cooperation afforded both in the criminal and security fields. Only through the assistance of the members of your organization and other loyal Americans can this Bureau effectively discharge its responsibilities.

You have my best wishes for success as National Commander and I do hope that you will feel free to call upon my associates and me whenever we can be of service to you and The American Legion.

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Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover
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Address per directories. No identifiable derogatory information was located in Bufiles. Wilson has been a candidate for this office for about 3 years. In May, 1951, it was reported that Wilson is a law partner of Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense. Full name per file. (94-1-17998-946)

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Purge of State Dept. Demanded by Legion

MIAMI, Oct. 18 (Sp.)—Amid charges of "trickery" and politics, an angry American Legion convention today demanded that the entire State Department leadership be fired.

Unsuccessful efforts to block or soften the critical report by the Legion's foreign relations committee were led by a vocal



Associated Press Wirephoto
DON R. WILSON
New Legion commander.

minority, including District Commissioner F. Joseph Donohue and Michael L. Looney, also of Washington, D. C. In the same stormy final session, the convention elected Don R. Wilson of Clarkburg, W. Va., as National Commander, succeeding Erle Cocke, Jr., of Dawson, Ga., a former law partner of former Defense Secretary Louis Johnson. Wilson at 34 is the second youngest commander in Legion history, and the third youngest veteran of World War II to hold the position.

Incompetency Alleged

The majority report—adopted by a 2881-to-131 vote—said in part:

"To obtain the leadership required, we demand the immediate removal of the present corps of leaders whose every action has reflected incompetency, indecision and defeatism. They must be replaced and the State Department reconstituted with men of unquestioned loyalty and of high purpose, to the end that the confidence of all Americans in the conduct of our foreign affairs may be fully restored."

Looney tried to block the majority oust the State Department report, eliminating any call for firing State Department leaders. It was voted down. Wilson accused by Le

gue Leon Hoppel of Stockton, Calif., of attempting to "water down" and "scuttle" American Legion foreign policy.

Then Commissioner Donohue, former special assistant, United States attorney, who successfully prosecuted left-wing labor leader Harry Bridges, took the floor to plead with his Legion comrades "not to turn this into a political convention."

Donohue charged that the "only thing which has come out of this convention has been criticism of the Administration. We have heard criticism of our President, criticism of our Joint Chiefs of Staff, criticism of our civil defense program. And now we have criticism of our State Department."

Acheson Brings Boos

Praising Secretary of State Dean Acheson, the Washington Commissioner told the convention: "I saw a great Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, aided recently in an expression of bipartisan foreign policy by John Foster Dulles, at the San Francisco treaty signing."

Boos—with a scattering of applause—rolled through the audience when Donohue mentioned Acheson's name.

Another Washington convention delegate, Col. Waldron E. Leonard, told a reporter that the State Department vote was "not a true expression" of the convention. He said only 500 of the convention's 3000 delegates were in the hall when the voting took place. He explained that the chairman of each delegation has authority to cast the vote for his entire group. All of the 26 Washington delegates backed Donohue and Looney, according to Waldron.

Waldron, who is Washington, D. C., director of Veterans Affairs, said this convention was dominated by "Republicans and disgruntled Democrats."

Neal Bishop of Denver, Colo., and James Warren of Kentucky, joined Looney in signing the minority report.

Battlefield A-Bombs Reported in Stockpile

By the United Press
Authoritative officials sources confirmed yesterday that the United States already has a "moderately good" stockpile of tactical atomic bombs especially designed for battlefield use.

They have been in actual production for months. They are available for use in Korea, ever, the United States command believes the time get are right.

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Mr. Ladd

October 24, 1951

L. R. Pennington

ACTIVITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY AT THE
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION, MIAMI, FLORIDA, October 12-18, 1951

Both before and during the National Convention of the American Legion at Miami, Florida, representatives of the Motion Picture Industry were quite active.

James Howie, Vice President of the Motion Picture Producers Association appeared before the National Americanism Commission and spoke for approximately one hour on the manner in which the Industry was cleaning house of Communists and other subversives. He spoke of the difficulty of getting rid of Reds and the possibility of large suits for breach of contract against the Industry. He spoke of one particular case, now on appeal, in which U. S. District Judge Yankelevich rendered a decision in favor of one of the artists who had been brought before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He favored legislation which would enable the Motion Picture Industry to dismiss employees of questionable loyalty without the Industry being subjected to suits.

He was questioned concerning the dismissal of Adolph Menjou and others who voluntarily appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated that Menjou was employed just as frequently after testifying as he had before. Karl Baarslag, Research Specialist, American Legion, said this definitely was a misstatement. He was further questioned concerning another individual who has since died who was dismissed just prior to his retirement coming due and Howie stated in this instance that this individual did receive all of his retirement benefits.

Howie was quite anxious to get a resolution from the Americanism Commission favoring the Motion Picture Industry, which resolution was not forthcoming. He subsequently appeared before the National Public Relations Commission, by-passing the Convention Americanism Committee, and was able to get a resolution passed congratulating the Industry on its 50th Anniversary and on its attempts to get rid of subversives.

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The Americanism Committee of the Convention received resolutions from Arizona, Colorado and Illinois condemning Communism in the entertainment field. The resolution called on posts throughout the nation to make public the intention of the American Legion to condemn, expose and combat such individuals employed by the Motion

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Picture Industry and the entertainment world who are engaged in subversive activities. The resolution further resolved that the American Legion inform the motion picture, stage, radio and television industries, producers, exhibitors and sponsors of the intention of the American Legion to relentlessly attack these individuals and that all possible means will be employed to inform the public of the activities of these individuals who by their support of Communist front organizations have in effect given comfort and support to a conspiracy and an ideology which constitutes the greatest threat to the people and security of the communities, the states, the nation and of the world today. The resolution further called on the National Americanism Commission through the medium of the American Legion Magazine to make known the names of such artists and the names of the pictures, radio and television programs and such other productions which contribute financially to Communist support. The resolution was unanimously passed by the convention.

The National Americanism Commission, after having previously adjourned, was called back into a closed session to hear two actors Ward Bond and John Wayne, both members of the Motion Picture Alliance. Both men in their talks emphasized the fact that their statements were entirely off the record and disclosure of their statements to the Commission would in all probability result in their dismissal as actors. Bond was the principal spokesman and had with him two lists of motion pictures some of which have been released, some are about to be released and others are in production. They used these lists as proof of the dishonesty of producers in their avowed statements that they were clearing the industry of subversives. In each of the productions listed, copies of which are attached hereto, Bond shows where one or more subversives is employed in each of the productions listed. The purpose of this is to keep down criticism of productions in which only a few of the actors, producers, directors or others participating therein are employed.

Bond was particularly suspicious of one Legionnaire who is on the National Public Relations Commission and who is employed by Columbia Pictures, namely, J. Raymond Bell, Columbia Pictures Corporation, 729 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

I personally know that for over a year Bell has been endeavoring to secure a whitewash for Edward G. Robinson, Judy Holliday, Jose Ferrer and John Garfield. As a matter of fact at the National Convention in Los Angeles last year he attempted to cause Karl Baarslag, Research Specialist for the American Legion to lose his position as a result of his refusal to be coerced into giving his O.K. on several subversives in the Motion Picture Industry.

Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

In connection with this memorandum attention is called to the memorandum of the Washington Field Office dated September 29, 1951, entitled Kenneth Bierly, Former Special Agent, Kenby Associates, Refer 5 IS, calling attention to some of Ray Bell's activities.

Members of the Americanism Commission are very much interested as to how J. Raymond Bell, known as Ray Bell, received an appointment on the National Public Relations Commission. He is a member of the District of Columbia Legion from the National Press Club Post No. 20. His appointment to the Commission was not approved by the District of Columbia Legion, which procedure usually is necessary for anyone to receive an appointment on a National Commission or Committee. During the past year while there are approximately 24 members on the National Public Relations Commission, only a very few have been ordered to National meetings and Bell was always one of them. He is very close to the paid Director of Public Relations, Edward F. McGinnis, former Republican Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate. Many Democratic Legionnaires believe that McGinnis is responsible for many of the anti-administration addresses which have been made by the National Commander during the past year.

Bell's employer in Columbia Pictures is Mendell Silverberg who is quite prominent in the Anti-defamation League. Bell has the reputation of being a congenital liar who wouldn't tell the truth under almost any circumstances.

The National Adjutant, Henry H. Dudley, confidentially informed me that he is quite suspicious of the National Public Relations Office under McGinnis. He stated he cannot understand why McGinnis is able to make such a splurge of his salary of \$10,000 when he, Dudley, the highest paid employee of the Legion can't step out in a similar manner on \$15,000. One possibility Mr. Dudley thought of was that he was very probably being paid on the side by some of the liquor interests trying to get publicity through the Legion. Others in the Legion feel that due to the fact that Bell has been repeatedly called to National meetings while others on the same Commission have not been called at all, is that perhaps some money is passing between Bell and McGinnis in connection with Bell's attempt to whitewash subversives employed by Columbia Pictures.

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Referred to the Security Division.

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TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

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FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (62-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION FOR
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

On February 14, 1952, Mr. L. G. ~~PIERCE~~ who is a member of the committee for Americanism of Houston, American Legion Post No. 52, 3000 Brown Street, advised this office that they were setting out ~~a committee on Americanism~~, the function of which is to investigate the background of speakers speaking before various American Legion Groups and various church and civic organizations in an attempt to eliminate contacts and speeches being made through these groups by members of Communist front organizations and persons with pro-Communist feelings.

He requested that when this committee was contacted by various community organizations in an attempt to determine the background of that individual, the F.B.I. make available some information from its records as to the individual in question.

He was advised that he could obtain a list of subversive organizations from the office of the Attorney General but that information could not be furnished by this office. This is being submitted for information in the event that other such requests are being made in other parts of the country.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Pennington

SUBJECT: MEETING, EXECUTIVE SECTION,
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: April 5, 1952

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I have been informed by the National Adjutant of the American Legion, Henry H. Dudley, that a meeting will be held of the Executive Section, National Americanism Commission, at Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 2d and 3d and the 4th, if necessary.

I recommend that Mr. Lee Pennington, who is on the Americanism Committee of the American Legion, attend this meeting.

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Mr. Ladd

April 3, 1952

L. R. Pennington

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Reference is made to the attached Washington City News Service release of April 1, 1952, relative to a conference had by top officials of the American Legion and the Motion Picture Industry concerning the menace of Communism in movies.

A As you know the Legion has always taken a strong stand concerning the infiltration of Communists and Communist sympathizers in the Motion Picture Industry and the Legion has been dissemination considerable information throughout the country concerning Communists and Communist sympathizers in the Motion Picture Industry.

A conference on March 31, 1952, related to that situation and an effort on the part of the Motion Picture Industry to have the Legion change its policy.

Colonel Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense telephonically informed me that the Legion "stood pat" on its present policy of doing everything possible to weed Communists and their sympathizers out of the Motion Picture Industry. He stated that Eric Johnston was disappointed and a further meeting has been tentatively set for Monday April 7, 1952.

Karl Baarslag, Research Specialist of the Legion, expects to be in New York today and secure full details concerning what transpired at the meeting from James O'Neill, Past National Commander, who was one of those present at the conference.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *sk*

DATE: June 5, 1952

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

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AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

I received advice from National Headquarters of the Legion that the National Convention will be held this year at New York from August 24 to 28, inclusive.

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I would recommend that Mr. L. R. Pennington be designated to attend the National Convention of the American Legion.

D. M. Ladd *sk* *J*

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Mr. Ladd

May 20, 1952

L. R. Pennington

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You will recall several months ago the American Legion Magazine published an article relative to Communist infiltration into the Motion Picture Industry and several months thereafter a top level conference was held between Eric A. Johnston and other motion picture moguls and Donald R. Wilson and James O'Neil of the American Legion

I learned today that James O'Neil, Director of Publications of the American Legion, and Bob Pitkin, one of the editors of the American Legion Magazine are now in Hollywood conferring with representatives of the Motion Picture Industry. O'Neil is staying only until Friday of this week and Pitkin is then remaining for a period to get the Hollywood side of the story.

The above information was furnished me by Karl Baarslag who is very much afraid that Pitkin is young and impressionable enough to be taken for a buggy ride by the Motion Picture Industry.

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Honorable Donald R. Wilson
Union Bank Building
Clarksburg, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Wilson:

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Your letter of May 14, 1952, has been received.

It will be a pleasure for us to afford a tour of our facilities to the young men of Boys Nation at 9:00 a.m. on July 29, 1952. While my schedule will not permit my addressing these boys, Inspector Lee R. Pennington, with whom you are acquainted, will be happy to make a short address to the group.

I would like to suggest that you have the boys enter the Department of Justice Building at Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, where one of my representatives will greet them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE TO TOUR ROOM:

This should be handled as a special tour. A representative of the Tour Room should meet this group at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance and immediately conduct them to Assembly Room No. 1, where they will be addressed by a Bureau representative. Following this short address they will be given a special tour of the Bureau.

NOTE TO PENNINGTON AND HOLLOMAN:

The American Legion has brought representatives of the Boys Nation to the Bureau for several years in the past. In past years Inspector Lee R. Pennington has made a short address to the boys either prior to the tour or after the tour in Assembly Room No. 1. Arrangements have been made with the Training Division for the use of this room for approximately one-half hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. on 7-28-52. The Tour Room has been instructed to have someone meet the group at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania entrance upon their arrival and bring the group directly to Assembly Room No. 1; after the address by the Bureau official they will be taken on a special tour. It is to be noted that Inspector Pennington is a member of the Americanism Committee of the American Legion which sponsors Boys Nation and he is personally acquainted with Donald R. Wilson, The National Commander of the American Legion.

NOTE: Address per Bureau mailing list. It is to be noted that Mr. Wilson, The National Commander of the American Legion, is a practicing attorney in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Letter is being sent to him at his West Virginia address although his letter is on stationary of The National Commander of the American Legion which indicates his American Legion office is in Indianapolis. The envelope to this letter was detached prior to receipt in Crime Records Section and it is, therefore, not possible to determine from where it was mailed. It is believed letter will be brought to his attention more quickly if sent to address of his law business.

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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

AMERICAN LEGION-
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The Sixth BOYS NATION, sponsored by The American Legion, was held in Washington, D. C., July 20-26, 1951, with 86 carefully selected high school boy citizens in attendance. BOYS NATION has attracted nation-wide interest and the press throughout the country has given it a grand play. f 11

An outstanding Seventh BOYS NATION will be held in Washington, D. C., on July 25-31, 1952, with headquarters at the University of Maryland. A program consisting of only highlights is being completed. President Truman will receive BOYS NATION at the White House again this year; however, only four of the top Cabinet Departments will be visited.

Since the climax of youth training in citizenship finds its acme in BOYS NATION and, since BOYS NATION is a school featuring practical politics and the functioning of practical government on the federal level, including Party Conventions and the election of a president and vice-president, may I request that Boys Nation be permitted to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m., on Monday, July 28, I extend a cordial invitation to you to address these outstanding young men, following which, or prior thereto, I would like for them to be taken on a tour of the FBI facilities. dr

I trust you will find it convenient to make these arrangements for us.

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An early reply will be appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Wilson
DONALD R. WILSON
National Commander

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: June 4, 1952

FROM : L. R. Pennington

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Reference is made to the attached clippings from the New York Times of May 23, 1952, and the Daily Worker of May 28, 1952, relative to allegations that the American Legion has furnished motion picture studios with a list of 200 Hollywood personalities suspected of Communist associations or activities.

After receiving a call from Mr. Thornton of the Internal Security Section I called Karl Baarslag, Research Analyst of the American Legion and inquired as to whether he had secured any additional information concerning a list of subversives furnished Hollywood studios. Baarslag stated he had learned from Ford Bond of the Motion Picture Alliance of which John Wayne, actor, is president, that a discussion concerning subversives in the Motion Picture Industry was had with Hollywood officials. It appears that during the discussion Donald Wilson, National Commander of the Legion, had in his possession a listing of new motion pictures in production which appeared in a pamphlet which Baarslag believed was called "Box Office Digest." Baarslag stated that this Digest, in addition to listing new pictures, also listed those with front records who were participating in the production of these pictures. Wilson waved it around and was finally requested by Hollywood officials to let them see this record which they did. It was never at any time checked through the records of either the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the Legion's records. Baarslag stated that the list was very incomplete inasmuch as it would list only those subversives who were employed in pictures presently in production and in his opinion would only contain the names of 50 to 60% of those in Hollywood deemed subversive. He further stated that he thought in many instances the listings would be unfair to the employees because a number listed in the Digest had only been listed on the basis of membership once or twice in leftist groups and this several years ago.

Baarslag stated he was leaving for New York tonight to discuss the matter with James F. O'Neil in charge of Legion publications and would furnish me first hand details concerning what recently happened in Hollywood after his return.

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200 in Hollywood Screened In Loyalty Test by Studios

By THOMAS M. PRYOR

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 22—Motion picture studios have begun a new and widespread investigation of the loyalty of more than 200 Hollywood personalities whose names appear on a list,

sent to the studios by the national headquarters of the American Legion, of persons suspected of Communist associations or activities.

During the last two weeks several of the top creative personnel, such as producers, directors, performers and writers, named on the list, have been called in by employers and asked to refute in writing allegations questioning their loyalty as Americans.

James F. O'Neill, director of publications and editor of the American Legion Magazine, confirmed the existence of the list upon his arrival from Washington today, but refused to discuss it. He said that only the national commander of the organization, Donald Wilson, could discuss "the information" now in the hands of the studio heads.

Asked to explain the purpose of his visit, Mr. O'Neill said:

"I am here on a fact-finding mission for the national commander and will submit a report to him on the situation."

Stanley
Baumgardner

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Mr. O'Neill would not reveal the contents of a letter, signed by him, which was dated April 3 and accompanied the voluminous report on suspected persons mailed to the studios. He added that the Legion had not "compiled a list" but acknowledged that the organization had passed along to the movie industry leaders "at their request, information received in our offices."

He declined to comment on the source of the information but added that the studios had been advised to check the information for "any possible factual errors." The possibility of legal action that might eventuate from any inadvertent disclosure of charges against individuals that could not be substantiated in court, had effectively sealed the lips of studio management. On the other hand, those named on the list are desirous of keeping their identities

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200 Film Personalities Screened By Studios in New Loyalty Test

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secret too, lest the publicity have harmful effects on their reputations and endanger their professional careers." As one individual remarked:

"This does not seem to be the most auspicious time to rest your case with the court of public opinion in anything having to do with communism in Hollywood."

Y. Frank Freeman, vice president and head of studio operations for Paramount Pictures, said today that since the investigation had become a matter of public knowledge it should be presented in its proper "perspective." He added that the underlying purpose of the investigation was to give those who had been subjected to vague reports questioning their loyalty an "opportunity to go on record and refute the charges by clarifying their positions."

Rumors of Legion Threats

Since March 31, when Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, and a top-echelon group of industry representatives, including three company presidents from New York, conferred for more than four hours with Messrs. Wilson and O'Neill, rumors have been circulating in Hollywood that the industry had been ordered by the Legion to clean house or else.

The meeting, which took place in Washington, was requested by Mr. Johnston and was attended among others by such industry leaders as Mr. Freeman, Barney Balaban, president of Paramount Pictures; Nicholas Schenck, president of Loews, Inc., and Spyros Skouras, president of Twentieth Century-Fox.

Mr. Johnston arranged the conference following the publication in the Legion's magazine of several articles attacking the movie industry for continuing to employ suspected or alleged Communists and calling upon Legion posts to picket any films in which suspected persons were involved. The film, "Death of a Salesman," was picketed in Washington on the heels of this challenge.

A report published in the trade paper, Daily Variety, that the list contained 300 names was said by both Mr. Freeman and Mr. O'Neill to be an "exaggeration." Neither, however, would give the exact number of persons involved in the investigation, but from other sources it was reliably established that the number was not less than 200.

Mr. Freeman asserted that the Legion made "no demands whatsoever" at the Washington meeting and that Mr. Wilson and Mr. O'Neill said it was the organization's desire to spare the industry "unjustified" embarrassment and financial harm.

Legion "Cooperation" Stressed

"The spirit of the Legion in this matter," the studio head continued, "is one of friendly cooperation to protect the innocent and of determination to expose any possible Communists that are left." He added that there "are very few Communists left here" and that "this industry has done more than any other American industry to rid itself of communism."

Mr. Freeman, acknowledging receipt of the letter written by Mr. O'Neill, asserted that it contained no suggestion as to any source of action to be pursued by management in light of the information provided.

On the basis of reports from several sources the procedure adopted by studio heads here, on direct orders from company presidents and legal counsel in New York, is to call in the accused individual and ask him if he wishes to volunteer in writing to answer the allegations.

It is understood that, where a person is named as having been, or is charged with now being, a member of, or associated with, an

organization listed as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States, he must furnish substantial proof to refute these allegations.

The individual is asked to declare in writing, it is understood, that the information he has provided to the studio may be used in his and the company's defense in the event of future accusations being made against him by the Legion or any of a number of pressure groups that may threaten to picket theatres because of his association with a film. This method of screening individuals on their political and social philosophy is known here as "the Legion formula."

Despite the fact that the studios apparently have embarked on an all-out drive to win the confidence of the American Legion and other groups such as the Wage Earners Committee of the U. S. A., picketing of theatres by these organizations, primarily, is continuing on a sporadic basis throughout the country.

In Baltimore yesterday, according to reports published here, the local American Legion post picketed the showing at the Century Theatre of the Paramount film "Anything Can Happen," starring José Ferrer. Mr. Ferrer testified at a hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington a year ago this month that he was not and never had been a Communist.

Reaction in Hollywood to the investigation was all off the record, for the moment at least. But there were many indignant protests that the industry was "succumbing out of fear to imposition on personal freedom", and that "an insidious process of thought control" was enveloping the industry.

Hollywood Studios to Persecute 300 on Legion Witchhunt List

By DAVID FLATT

Another big witchhunt is going on in the motion picture industry.

The American Legion has just turned over to the movie companies a new list of some 300 alleged "un-Americans" and the studios are now checking their "loyalties."

The list is said to include many outstanding actors, writers, directors and producers.

What "crimes" are they charged with?

Some are on the Legion's list of subversives "because they signed the Amicus Curiae brief to the Supreme Court in connection with the case of the Hollywood Ten."

Others were associated with the 1949 Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace.

Still others attacked or criticized the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The dossiers compiled by the Legion are remarkable in their detail, said Variety (May 21). Those on the Legion list are confronted with even obscure incidents and accusations relating to members of their families or persons of similar names.

So far not one powerful voice in Hollywood has been raised to question this tragic and undemocratic procedure.

On the contrary the Legion turned the list of 300 names over to the studios following a meeting of the top bosses of the film industry with the national commandant of the Legion in Washington a few weeks ago. At this meeting the studio heads agreed to virtually everything the Legion demanded. It was such a disgusting surrender to vigilantism that even the anti-Communist N. Y. Post was compelled to editorially rap the producers over the knuckles for bowing to the pressure.

Some of the personalities listed by the Legion as "subversive" anti-Communist, it was reported,

For all we know Cecil B. DeMille may be on the list for sending a greeting to the Soviet film industry on its 15th anniversary in 1935 in which he said, "Workers in the American motion picture industry welcome the product of the Soviet Union."

When fascists ride high no one is safe.

Anyone who thinks that the anti-Communist campaign threatens only Communists should note that in Hitler Germany in 1934, the film workers of UFA Studios in Berlin were ordered to sign oaths stating they were not Communists, sympathizers or liberal dupes, as proof of their loyalty to Germany. The Nazis began by eliminating the "Communists" and ended by making lampshades out of the flesh of all opponents of their reign of terror.

How will it end in Hollywood?

It will end with no one working in films who is not willing to kiss the blood off Wall Street's hands.

There will be more and more witchhunts and investigations ending in the word "ja" or blacklist, unless the movie guilds and unions unite and resist the intellectual zeros who run for their smear brushes whenever they hear the word culture.

It is clear today that the loyal Germans were not those who crawled before the UN-German Committees but those who fought against the Nazi warmakers.

It must be made just as clear to everyone who works in the film industry that to be a loyal and patriotic American these days demands resistance, not meek surrender, to the degraders of culture and rattlers of A-bombs.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. EUGA A. CAMPBELL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 5, 1952

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Mr. Lee Pennington, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Inspector:

The sixth Girls Nation will be held by the American Legion Auxiliary in Washington this year, from August 1 to 7. Knowing the distinct service which you rendered us last year in connection with the visit of the girl citizens to the Bureau, I hope that we may enlist your good offices again.

I am asking Mr. Hoover if we may plan our visit for Monday morning, August 4, on which morning we also hope to visit the Pentagon. If the earlier part of the morning can be spent at the Bureau, it will be more convenient. We are, of course, hopeful that Mr. Hoover will find it possible to meet and address the citizens, and that you, too, will greet them. May I venture to place the arrangements for the speaker or speakers in your hands?

I am most grateful to you for the interest you have taken in Girls Nation and trust that we may have an early and favorable reply regarding this year's program.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

E. A. Campbell

MRS. E. A. CAMPBELL
National President

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Mrs. Euga A. Campbell
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
National Headquarters
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

Your letter of June 5, 1952, has been received, and Inspector Lee R. Pennington has brought to my attention your letter to him of the same date.

It will be a pleasure for us to afford a tour of our facilities to the young ladies of Girls Nation at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 4, 1952. While my schedule will not permit my addressing these girls, Inspector Pennington will be happy to make a short address to the group at the time of their visit.

I would like to suggest that you have the girls enter the Department of Justice Building at Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, where one of my representatives will greet them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Tour Room, with copy of both incoming.
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cc - Mr. Holloman, with copy of both incoming.
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cc - Mr. Pennington, with copy of both incoming.
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Mrs. Euga A. Campbell

June 10, 1952

NOTE TO TOUR ROOM:

This should be handled as a special tour. A representative of the Tour Room should meet this group at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance at 9:00 A.M. on 8-4-52 and immediately conduct them to Assembly Room Number 1, where they will be addressed by Inspector Lee R. Pennington. Following a short address by him they will be given a special tour of the Bureau.

NOTE TO MR. PENNINGTON AND MR. HOLLOMAN:

The American Legion Auxiliary has brought representatives of Girls Nation to the Bureau for several years in the past. Last year Inspector Lee R. Pennington made a short address to the girls at the time of their visit. Arrangements have been made with the Training Division for the use of Assembly Room Number 1 for approximately one half hour beginning at 9:00 A.M. on 8-4-52. The Tour Room has been instructed to have someone meet the group at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance upon their arrival and bring the group directly to Assembly Room Number 1; after the address by Mr. Pennington, they will be taken on a special tour. It is to be noted that Inspector Pennington is a member of the Americanism Committee of the American Legion. No commitment is being made for the Director to meet this group since no commitment of this nature was made for him to meet the group of Boys Nation who will visit the Bureau on 11-28-52, and for whom similar arrangements have been made to those for Girls Nation.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. EUGA A. CAMPBELL
 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 5, 1952

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

No Locality
 The 1952 annual session of Girls Nation will be held by The American Legion Auxiliary in Washington, August 1 to 7 inclusive. This session brings together two outstanding girls from each of the forty-eight states, chosen for qualities of leadership and other high abilities, for the purpose of observation and instruction in the structure and operation of the federal government. They will organize a government, hold party conventions, nominate and elect a president and vice-president, and later hold simulated sessions of House, Senate and Supreme Court.

I am anxious that the citizens of Girls Nation shall have the opportunity of first-hand acquaintance with all phases of our national government and of meeting the leaders who are helping to guide it in our time. I hope very much that arrangements can be made for them to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The time which would best fit our schedule would be about 9 A.M., Monday August 4. I am especially hopeful that you will be able to receive the Girls Nation citizens and address them.

I have taken the liberty of writing also to Inspector Lee Pennington, who was so helpful in arranging the details of last year's visit, and have suggested to him that if the time named is not convenient, we might rearrange our schedule, for our program is, as yet, quite tentative.

Your favorable response will give me great personal pleasure.

With high regard and best wishes,

Sincerely,

E. A. Campbell
 MRS. E. A. CAMPBELL
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. EUGA A. CAMPBELL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 19, 1952

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of June 10. We are, of course, disappointed that you will not be able to address Girls Nation, but I certainly understand how difficult it is for one as busy as you to meet such requests. I know, too, that Inspector Pennington will represent you well and that the citizens of Girls Nation will enjoy every minute of their visit to the Bureau.

The girls are to be transported by Navy bus and I am giving to the proper persons the information concerning the entrance to be used.

Again thanking you and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

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National President

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Honorable Donald Wilson
National Commander
The American Legion
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

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My dear Mr. Wilson:

Your kind letter of July 17, 1952 has been received and I appreciate very much your invitation to address the opening session of the thirty-fourth Annual National Convention of the American Legion on August 25, 1952.

I would consider it a real privilege to be able to indicate an acceptance to your kind invitation. However, I regret to advise you that it will not be possible for me to do so in view of the fact that I will be compelled to be on the West Coast at the time of the convention due to a prior commitment.

It goes without saying I sincerely regret that it is not possible for me to accept, and you have my best wishes for a highly successful convention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CC - New York, with copy of incoming
cc - Indianapolis, with copy of incoming
cc - Inspector Pennington with copy of incoming.
NOTE: Inspector Pennington is to be present at this convention.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

July 17, 1952

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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Thirty-fourth Annual National Convention
of The American Legion will be held in New York, New York,
August 25-28, 1952.

As National Commander, I wish to extend to you
a most cordial invitation to attend our National Convention
as a Distinguished Guest and address the members of our
delegation at the Opening Session in Madison Square Garden,
on Monday, August 25.

I sincerely hope that you will find it possible
to join with us on this occasion.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Wilson

DONALD R. WILSON
National Commander



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Mr. F. H. Bedford, Jr.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bedford:

Your letter dated August 13, 1952, with enclosures, has been received, and I appreciate your kind invitation for me to be your guest at the Metropolitan Club on August 26, 1952, the day of the American Legion Parade.

While I know I would derive much personal pleasure from being with you, I regret that a previous commitment precludes my indicating an acceptance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - New York, with copy of incoming.

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August 13, 1952

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
F. B. I.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

If you are in New York at the time of the American Legion-National Convention, August 24 to 28, I would like to have you and Mrs. Hoover be my guests, with other friends, on Tuesday, August 26, the day of the famous American Legion Parade up Fifth Avenue. The party will be at the Metropolitan Club, Fifth Avenue at 60th Street, (entrance on 60th Street), from 9:00 a.m. until the conclusion of the parade.

Due to our limited space, and so that our guests will be comfortable, I would appreciate your letting me know if I will have the pleasure of your company on August 26.

Very truly yours,

F. H. Bedford, Jr.

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Committee:
Ray Murphy, Past National Commander
John J. Hall, Past Commander, Advertising Men's Post 209
F. H. Bedford, Jr., Advertising Men's Post 209

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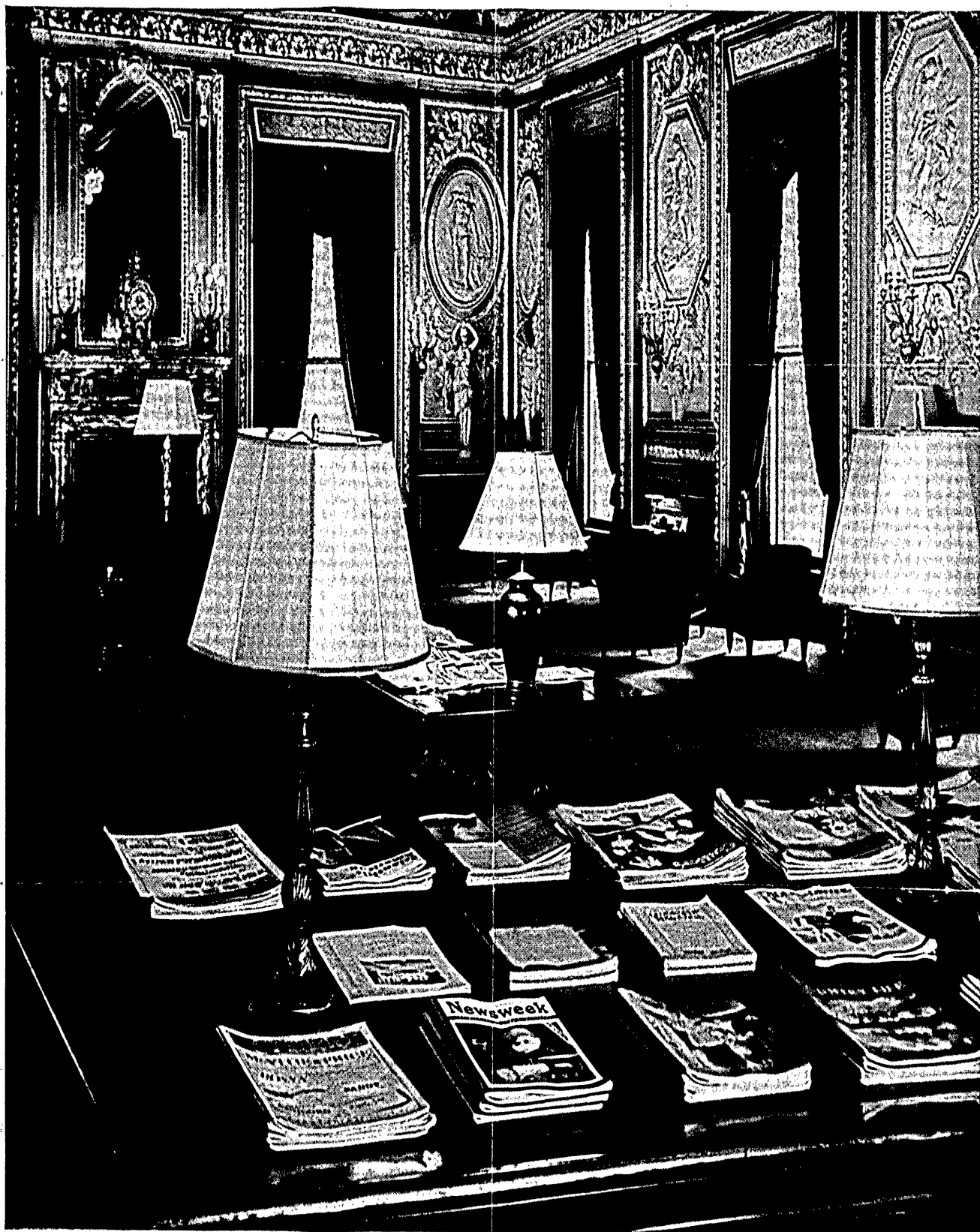


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THE WEST LOUNGE OF THE FAMOUS METROPOLITAN CLUB IN NEW YORK PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE CELEBRATED NICKOLAS MURAY FOR NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

September 2, 1952

Honorable Lewis K. Gough
National Commander
The American Legion
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

My dear Mr. Gough:

Please accept my heartiest personal congratulations on your recent election as National Commander of The American Legion.

The confidence reposed in you by your fellow delegates should indeed be a source of gratification, and you have my best wishes for a successful term in office.

I do hope you will call on me at any time when this Bureau can be of service to you and the Legion.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Los Angeles
ATTENTION SAC: Gough is a resident of Pasadena, California.

cc - Indianapolis

NOTE: Address per Bureau Library. Gough is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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LEWIS K. GOUGH
(Biographical Sketch)

Lewis Ketcham Gough, 44, of Pasadena, California, a candidate for National Commander of The American Legion for 1952-53, was a Navy veteran of World War II with the rank of Commander.

Gough is an inheritance tax appraiser for the State of California. From 1931 to 1940 he was associated with the University of Southern California, his alma mater, as assistant to the President, public relations officer for the University, and executive director of its alumni association.

In a span of three years Gough advanced from Commander of his American Legion post to National Vice-Commander of this world's largest veterans organization in 1950-51. He served as commander of Pasadena Post No. 13 in 1947 and as commander of California's 18th District in 1948. He was elected Department Commander of California for 1949-50 and as National Vice-Commander of The American Legion the following year. In addition, he has rendered distinguished service on a number of committees in the national and state organizations.

Gough was born in Los Angeles, April 21, 1908, the son of Robert W. and Hazel Ketcham Gough. He attended the city schools and was graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1927. At the University of Southern California, where he was elected a member of Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholastic fraternity, he was awarded the Trojan Diamond Medal for scholarship and leadership and received his bachelor's degree as an honor graduate in 1931. Gough was elected president of the Associated Student Body and vice president of the Western Student Body Presidents Association. He is a member of Chi Phi social fraternity and of the Board of Directors of the University's Alumni Association.

A graduate and former instructor at the U. S. Naval War College, Gough served during World War II on the staffs of Vice-Admiral W. S. Pye and Rear Admiral I. C. Johnson. In 1946 he organized and commanded the 11th Battalion of the U. S. Naval Reserve (11th Naval District). In 1948 he was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy as a member of the U. S. Navy Civilian Research commission.

Gough's active interest in the welfare of the former fighting man prompted his appointment to the State Veterans Board. He served as World War II consultant to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion. He was named vice-chairman of The American Legion's National Security Commission and in 1948 served as chairman of the National Security Convention Committee. In his own Department of California

Gough has been a member of the Public Relations and Defense commissions.

Gough was married to the former Marguerite Shipley on April 14, 1937. He is a member of the Methodist church and is active in the Shrine and other Masonic organizations in Pasadena. He is also a member of Native Sons of the Golden West and Alpha Delta Sigma and Alpha Kappa Psi, professional fraternities.

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Gough Elected by Legion As N.Y. Convention Ends

New York, Aug. 28 (NY News) —The American Legion wound up its thirty-fourth national convention in Madison Square Garden today with the election of officers and after hearing assurances from the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force that our fighting services are reaching the stage of full preparedness.



Lewis K. Gough

To the surprise of no one, the pre-balloting favorite, Lewis K. Gough, 44, of Pasadena, Calif., was overwhelmingly elected national commander. His only rival, Walter E. Alessandroni, 36, of Philadelphia, conceded before polling of the States was completed.

Gough, who served as a commander in the Navy in World War II, is a State inheritance tax appraiser. The post of national commander pays \$15,000 for one year.

Air Force Secretary Finletter told the veterans of two world wars that we are building "a dreadful" atomic air force "to dissuade any attack on us."

"We are," he said, "building weapons of defense capable of

knocking down enemy bombers that may attack our homeland. They will be wholly adequate for the defense of our nation. We are in pretty good shape to take care of any eventuality now or in the near future."

The air boss explained that U.N. forces in Korea are suffering greater plane losses than the enemy because the latter is not sending any aircraft against our lines. In actual plane-to-plane combat, however, we have an 8-1 advantage in losses.

Stress Atomic Power

Secretary of the Army Pace and Secretary of the Navy Kimball also stressed the atomic in their services.

In what he called a "report to the alumni," Pace said "Great progress has been made." Speaking of ground-to-air guided missiles for anti-aircraft, Pace described one such which can go "30,000 to 40,000 feet in the air and strike an object attempting to evade."

"All along the line," he went on, "firepower both present and future, is being emphasized and strengthened." In the future, firepower will include atomic artillery and guided missiles," he said.

Kimball described the U. S. Navy forces thruout the world as a "powerful deterrent to the spread of aggression."

Warns of Carrier Need

He warned that two giant supercarriers of the Forrestal class are "not enough" and that we will need at least two more.

"It is my hope," Kimball said, "that the third or fourth vessel of the Forrestal class will be atomic powered."

Among 122 resolutions approved by the convention was one calling upon Congress to investigate national headquarters of selective service to determine whether "improper political pressure" is interfering with operations of local SS boards.

After a 45-minute debate, the convention rejected a resolution asking federal pensions for ex-servicemen reaching the age of 65 if their income did not exceed \$3,000 with dependents or \$1,800 a year without dependents.

Another controversial resolution—to permit Negroes and other non-whites to join the Forty and Eight and other Legion organizations—was referred to the executive committee.

The convention went on record opposing veterans' benefits to former members of non or quasi-military groups such as the Red Cross, civil air patrol, civilians in the OSS and others.

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Legion's New Leader Asks Military Program For Nation's Youth

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Lewis Ketcham Gough, newly elected national commander of the American Legion, urges national security military training legislation to keep the Nation prepared.

The 44-year-old Mr. Gough, a World War II veteran now living in Pasadena, Calif., was elected yesterday as head of the Legion in the closing session of its 34th annual convention.

Trounces Only Rival

Mr. Gough, who served in the Navy as a commander, overwhelmingly defeated his only rival, Walter E. Alessandrini, 36, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Gough is an inheritance tax appraiser employed by the State of California. His Legion office pays \$15,000 annually. Election is for the ensuing year.

In his acceptance address, Mr. Gough urged "intelligence, firmness and courage" in combatting communism, and pleaded for a decisive military program for the Nation's youth.

"For 34 years the Legion has had the answer," he said, "a national security training that is universal, economical, effective and safeguarded by civilian control."

"As your commander, I shall ask for your all-out effort for (such) legislation."

Selective Service Probe

Delegates urged an investigation of national Selective Service headquarters.

The Legion resolution also asked repeal of a Selective Service directive which, it said, places "a bounty on child marriages, hasty marriages and convenient pregnancies."

The Legion urged "immediate attention" to what it described as telegraphic orders sent last May to the draft board at Anderson, S. C.

The resolution said the order, signed by Selective Service Director Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, concerned an unidentified draft registrant who was allowed to enlist after he already had been ordered inducted.

This is against the law, the Legion said.

Hershey Explains Case

In Washington last night, Gen. Hershey said the individual involved in the South Carolina case originally had been classed 4-F by the local board and, after a medical check of his case, had been ordered re-examined.

The youth subsequently was reclassified in 1-A, Gen. Hershey said, and later appealed to the Presidential Review Board in Washington.

Then the youth offered to withdraw his appeal, Gen. Hershey said, if permitted to enlist.

Gen. Hershey said he is delegated with authority, in such a case, to allow the youth to enlist instead of being inducted.

Full reports on the case have been given the House and Armed Services Committees, the General said, adding:

"If anybody wants to investigate us, we'll be the first to welcome it."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I very much appreciate your kind message of congratulations. I recognize the responsibility which I have assumed and shall do my utmost to fulfill my obligations in such a manner as to reflect credit to The American Legion and further our great program of service to God and Country.

Thank you for your good wishes and your interest.

With sincere best wishes,

Cordially,

Lewis K. Gough

LEWIS K. GOUGH
National Commander

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Mr. Henry H. Dudley
National Adjutant
National Headquarters
The American Legion NATIONAL
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Your letter of October 22, 1952, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to express the appreciation of the entire personnel of the FBI for The American Legion's resolution regarding our efforts.

Our main objective has always been to protect, within our jurisdiction, each and every person in the United States, and we hope that we may continue to achieve this objective in such manner as to merit The Legion's approval.

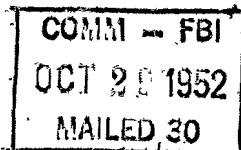
I am indeed gratified that The Legion should unanimously endorse our work and pledge its continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to enclose copy of resolution which was
adopted unanimously by the Thirty-fourth Annual National Convention of The
American Legion, held in New York City, in August, 1952.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. Dudley
HENRY H. DUDLEY,
National Adjutant

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October 29, 1952

AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

My dear Comrade Dudley:

I have the honor to reply to your letter of October 22 and acknowledge receipt of the copy of the Resolution which was adopted unanimously by the Thirty-fourth Annual National Convention of the American Legion held in New York City, in August, 1952, commending the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its able Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

This mark of recognition by the American Legion is heart warming indeed to me as a Legionnaire and further as one who knows the greatness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the high quality of leadership that inspires in the person of its Director.

With sentiments of esteem, I beg to remain

Sincerely,

/s/

Attorney General

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Mr. Henry H. Dudley
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Mr. Frederick A. Wand
Post Office Box 708
Gnarga, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wand:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of
November 5, 1952.

Your continued and generous support of our
work means a great deal to all of us in the FBI. It
is my sincere hope that our future efforts will con-
tinue to merit your approval, and you may be assured
that your kind offer of assistance is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

CC - Springfield, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bufiles reflect cordial correspondence with both
Raymond Kelly and correspondent. On 7-17-51, Wand stopped
by the Bureau and in the Director's absence was interviewed
by an Agent in Crime Records Section. Wand said he felt the
American Legion should pass a resolution regarding the Bridges
case status. He was informed this was an INS matter. From
the tenor of his letter, it appears Wand is a ~~drop-out~~ ^{drop-out}
and it is believed that reply to him should be kept per-
functory and discreet.

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FREDERICK A. WAND

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Art Summerfield is one of my close friends. I have
just recommended to Art that Past National Legion
Commander, Ray Kelly of Detroit, be appointed to a
high position in the Department of Justice to work
with your F.B.I. in running down Crooks & Communists.
That this appointment had Legion backing.

The Legion is still out to get Harry Bridges and
Republican High Command has been informed of the fact.

Perhaps you can break the Kansas City vote stealing
deal with a Republican Administration giving you
proper co-operation. I know practically all the
Republican Congressional Leaders by their first names.
All the Chairmanships of Congressional Committees will
fall to Members of Congress here in the Central West
where I operate, so feel free to make suggestions at any
time.

Sincerely,

Fred
Frederick A. Wand

Bureau files reflect cordial correspondence in the
past with both Raymond J. [redacted] and Frederick A.
Wand. Attached is a memo dated 1-18-51 setting
forth an interview had with [redacted] 7-17-51 at which
time he inquired concern [redacted] Harry Bridges case.

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